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strikers aim at Ulster shutdown as troops go in

e Army's takeover of 21 petrol midnight and that milk and bread tions and two large oil storage depots Northern Ireland early yesterday ought swift retaliation from the Ulster orkers' Council, organizers of the neral strike in the province. The incil's "coordinating committee" d that all gas, power station and oil ply workers would cease work by

supplies would be "the responsibility of the Army". Farmers would receive their final delivery of animal feed today, after which civilians would refuse to do the job. After today, the council said. undertakers would be asked not to bury the dead. Last night, with gas supplies cut off in Belfast and surrounding towns and many homes blacked out, ministers with them.

of the Northern Ireland Executive asked loyalist politicians in the Assembly to new French negotiate with them. The Prime Minister is cutting short his holiday in the Isles of Scilly, returning to London today. The By Our Foreign Staff Army, which has sent 200 more technicians to the province, may be unable Minister by M Giscard d'Es

to run power stations there if skilled men in the Ulster plants refuse to work

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eneath two Isrge Vanguard is at their headquarters in their headquarters in their strike organizers lared that since the Army decided to take over petrol plies, it could take over ry other essential service in province as well. With Mrig nodding his spproval, Mries Smith, of the Ulster kers Council "coordinating mittee", the group that the cooperation of the pus Protestant private Protestant private read out the following ictions:
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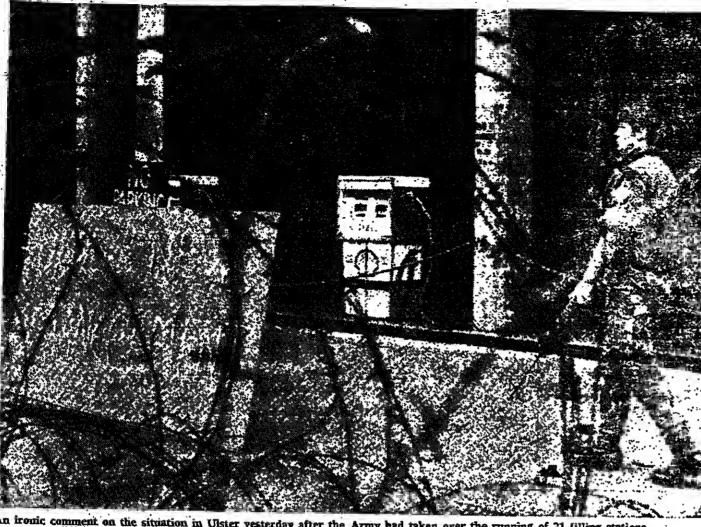
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An ironic comment on the situation in Ulster yesterday after the Army had taken over the running of 21 filling stations.

be prepared to deal with the cracy could accept that "s Executive. Indeed, there was a group of men self-appointed and further sign yesterday that its answerable to no one should authority was being under-

Mr Nelson Elder, accretary of the pro-Assembly Unionist backbench committee, who has been a faithful supporter of Mr Faulkner's Executive for nearly rbs, and the electricity ser. a year, resigned from the party, was bolding urgent talks saying that the coalition should senior technicians at the r stations.

Mr Ivan Cooper and Mr Paddy the military authorities, the Devlin, the two SDLP ministers who said privately on Sunday who said privately on Sunday were still in office last night. They had given Mr. Rees, the Secretary of State, an ultimatum to put troops into petrol stations, and, it is understood, said they would leave the Execuwith them. "Despite any tive if army operations were not undertaken by 6 am yesterday. In fact, at S am hundreds of soldiers took over the oil storage depots on the Belfast docks and minned 21 filling stations

> normal services were resumed; but that no parliamentary demo press conference except to an-

answerable to no one should decide when and where and to whom the essentials of life shall be distributed within a part of that democracy".

Mr Rees said the most impor-tant word was "consent". "Poll-back from the brink now. Let us all work together for the good of Northern Ireland and break away from the theme of Irish history—violence". Later, when it became evident:

that the Army's action, fer from hreaking the strike, had rein-forced the will of the loyalists behind it. Mr Rees made s further statement referring to a massive challenge to the people in this community who wish to preserve the very life of North-He said the strike organizers

had plunged hundreds of thoosands of people into a state of fear, deprivation and real danger to life.

and mnuned 21 filling stations in Northern Ireland, surrounding them with chicanes and coils of barbed wire.

At S am Mr Rees made a long statement, saying that troops scrivily at Ulster Workers Counterly and the withdrawn immediately. statement, saying that troops scrivity at Ulster Workers' C. would be withdrawn immediately cil headquarters last night. Mr Craig said little et the

nounce the start: "The Govern-ment has decided to take on re-sponsibility for essential services snd we will now withdraw from the scene. Mr Glen Barr, one of the most powerful men io the paramilitary Ulster Defence Association, repeared Mr Craig's words and said that while there would he no violence, no intimidation and only passive resistance, they would do nothing to help the army.

Mr Association and the control of the control

precedent in using British troops against strikers. He said some soldiers in the Belfast suburb of Dundonald bad spat at and used foul language, to a picket of strikers near a factory

At several of the 21 filling sta-tions occupied by the Army yesterday, there were scarcely any queoes for petrol. The any queoes for petrol. The pumps were worked by civilian employees of the Ministry of Commerce and people in esse tial services were issued with petrol coupons if they produced their vehicle registration books. The ministry said it was not

introducing a general scheme of petrol rationing, although authorized stations would be available only to motorists with coupons. It became inevitable yester-

day morning, however, even as day morning, however, even as troops of the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Regiment moved into the storage depot at Sydenbam, that by the end of the day the crucial question would be the Army's capacity to run the power

According to some sources, they must have the cooperation of senior technicians to produce

ance, they would do nothing to help the army.

Mr Barr appealed to those he called his "fellow trade unionists" in Britain to realize that a Labour Government had set a precedent in using British troops disposal system should be left unmanned; but if the electricity goes, then sewage could flow in As a final macabre touch,

> that undertakers would be asked not to bury the dead after today. Privately the sirike leaders explain shrewdly that their plan is to involve the Army in so many essential activities in the many essential schulles in the province that the Government can no longer sustain a policy under which so many troop reinforcements have to be sent to Northern Ireland. If the soldiers have to drive

the workers' council announced

buses, trains and petrol Continued on page 2, col 4

M Chirac is chosen as

taing who earlier in the day had formally taken over as the new French President.

The outgoing Premier, M Pierre Messmer, handed in his resignation, a formality after the result of this mooth's pres-idential election.

M Chirac, an intimste of the late President Pompidou who once called him "the hullonce called him "the hull-dozer" because of his robust ability to get things done, was the Gsullist Minister of the Interior in the Messmer government. Early in the election campsign, however, he declared sgsinst M Chahan-Delmas, the Gsullist contender, and for M Giscard d'Estaing. He is one of the youngest Prime Ministers in French history.

His height, over six feet, his clear call for youngest Prime Ministers in French history.

clean-cut features and soher dress-style combine to reinforce the reputation for strength and efficiency which he earned in various ministerial posts. As Agricukure Minister, the post e held until appointed Interior Minister three months ago, just Minister three months ago, just hefore Mr Pomoidou's death, M Chirec caught the public's imagination with his effective, occasionally vehemeor, defence of farmers' interests.

At the age of 34 he was elected deputy for the department of the second of the department of the departmen

ment of Correze, a traditionally left-wing stronghold-oefeaning the hrother of M François Mit-terrand, the Socialist leader, in doing so—and since 1970 has heen chairman of the general

The general view in France last night was that hy appoint-ing M Chirac, the new Presi-dent intends to govern the country very directly from a strong executive headed by bimself. The Cabinet, to be snnounced today, is expected to be relatively young and to include three women.

M Messmer, a stalwart Gaul-list installed by President Pompidou, was last appointed Prime Minister et the end of Feb-ruary, He first became Premier in July, 1972, and led three governments M Giscard plans to

"modern President", page 4; ration of another vexed Com-Portrait of M Chirac, page 14; ration of another vexed Com-monwealth issue, the Commun-ity's undertaking on sugar

Victory in Cabinet over opponents of link with EEC

European Editor

After lengthy debate by senior ministers, the Government has now settled its terms for renegotiation, which Mr Callsghan, the Foreigo Secretary, will present to the European Community in Luxembourg a week today (June 4).

It might be an exaggeration to suggest that Mr Wilson, Mr Callaghan and n majority of the Cabinet have swung hick to a pro-European course; but there is no doubt that Mr Callaghan's statement, which will be finalized this week, represents a signal victory over those who urged a break with the EEC. In explaining his requirements in the coming renegotianon, it is hoped that the Foreign Secretary's statement will demonstrate the Government's strong desire that Britzio should find a way of re-

maining inside the Community.

To this end, it is understood that Mr Calls han, while presenting quite a long list of specific requests for changes, will make it clear that the Government does not intend to call in question any of the principles of the Community's industrial, agricultural or financial industrial, agricultural or financial collicies. The Com-munity's own systems will be This

important decision means that no changes will be sought which would require renegoriation of the accession treaty itself.

The Government will only seek those kinds of adjustment to the terms of entry which can be made by the Community in the normal course of its business, and there will be no need for ratification of the new terms through the parliaments of the Nine, which might risk a

Nine, which might risk a breakdown.
On New Zealand, for instance, which Mr Wilson himself made such n sticking point during the great debste, the Government will seek to bring forward the negotiations which the Communication which the held in munity undertook to hold in 1975, so as to pursue the question now. This is not to say there will not be much argument over prices and quantities of butter, but it will be in the Community

The same applies to any els bo-ration of another vexed Com-

imports, or the distribution of development aid, which Labour ministers feel is too one-sided in factour of the present African essociates.

The single exception to this opproach of tackling renegotiation in the normal framework of Community meetings and timetables concerns Britain's hudget contribution. As there is no readily available means to hand of reconcing the question is no reactly available means to hend of reopening the question of the budgetary scale, as worked out in the entry nego-tiations, some new approach will

have to be devised.

Here again, having accepted the vital principle of the "own resources" system, ministers will be less concerned with the means—which will be for the Community as a whole to work on — han with the net result of achieving a reduction in Britain's share of the payments.
On the common aericultural notice, always recarded by the Lahour Party as its here noire, the British demands, which are expected to range over the leasth and breadth of pricing and marketing policies, may well alarm some members of the Community; but the fact that

the Community's own system is accented should make the task feasible and ensible the renegotiation to fit into the review of European sericulture which is already under way in the Commission. Whether the other members of the Community will regard Mr Callachan's new approach as a sincere strempt to keep Britain in is an open question. They were so taken aback by his onen-ing speech on April I that they are expecting the worst. More-over, the need to carry his own rank and file in the Labour Party means that the Foreign Secretary must talk tough much of the time.

However, the root and branch examination of Community poli-cies which the Government set in motion on taking office

On the one hand, it has shown that many of Labour's earlier fears about the Community were unfounded; and oo the other hand, it has become clear that all the changes in Community practices and programmes which the party wanted cao be sccommodated with in the existing system. Those ministers who disagree bave

Nurses' pay protests start to bite

More than 75,000 nurses, members of the Confederation of Health Service Employees, began e strika and non-coopera-tion campaign yesterday. The union leaders said they did not expect many walkouts, because of the Bank bolidsy, but there was no reason to believe nonration ustruc not being observed. Five wards were closed at SI

Nicholas Hospital, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, because of nurses' sction, the union said. Forty patients were discharged from Cefu Coed Psychiatric Hospital, Swansea, when nearly sll 230 night nurses started to work to rule. The hospital said the patients had heen due for discharge shortly.

Nurses at Little Plumstead psychiatric hospital, Norwich,

refused to do washing up and domestic duties and petients had to use paper cups and plates. The nurses' spokesman said: "We are ensuring that the patients will not suffer. Over-time is being done, but nurses will not receive pay and are asking for time off in lieu."

At Great Ysrmouth, holiday-makers watched bundreds of nurses march through the town. Nurses in the Nottingham area will stage token strikes this week with an hour's stoppage st Saxoodale Hospital todsy followed on Thursdey and Fridey by one-bour strikes at four selected hospitals each day. In the North-west, Mr Edward

Lawson, union district secre-tary, said some large hospitals had stopped informal admis-sions and were handling only emergencies. "The ban on

overtime and non-nursing duties is operating ", he said. In the Cambridge area the work-to-rule and overtime ban went ahead. At Peterborough 600 nurses at the district bos-pital refused to do out-of-ward duties. A meeting today will decide whether to step up militant action, not in the n non-urgent cases are not being admitted to the hospital.

At Guy's Hospital, London, which was expected to be one of the first to be affected, it was said yesterdsy that all staff were working normally.

The action of the nurses be-longing to the confederation in support of demands for an immediste pay increase, is not supported by other nursing hodies,
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policy despite the promised in-quiry into nurses' pay.

Ir Wilson cuts short his holiday as crisis continues

Prime Minister decided day to cut short his holi-the Isles of Scilly and to ck to London today in of the grave situation in ern Ireland, Earlier in the fter telephone conversasenior colleagues, he cided not to return ouite lickly. He bad heen ed to do so on Thursday. ministers expressed lief last night that Ulster

must be put into operation.

Cabinet ministers were yesterdey being briefed regularly, and some, like Mr. Rees, the Northern Ireland Secretary of State, and Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, almost minute by minute.
In the absence of Mr Heath,

in China, Sir Alec Douglas-Home leads the Opposition. He was prepared yesterday to call a meeting of the Shadow Cabinet at a moment's notice. gency plans drawn up st There are, I am told, no riday's Cabinet maeting immediate plans for the recall.

Mr John Biggs Davison, Cooservative MP for Epping
Forest, that Parliament should
be recalled to discuss the
Ulster emergency was discounted by both ministers and Conservative leaders as "scare-mongering". The crisis, it was pointed out, has been fully discussed in Parliament Mr Biggs-Davison sent a telegram to the Prime Minister yesterday saying: "Perliament should not be on holidsy at a time when the economy and

whole life of a province of the United Kingdom is on the verge of collapse." Concern in Duhlin: Mr Cosgave, Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, and members of his Government were been informed of developments. bers of his Government were kept informed of developments in Ulster when they mer in Dublin yesterday (the Press Association reports).

Their Cabinet meeting, called to discuss the situation, ended after two and a half hours.

Since the middle of last week the 15-man coalition Government has been calling for pos-inve moves to be made by British groups to break the stran-glehold of the "loyalists" on Northern . Ireland's economy, but yesterday they were con-cerned about the province being on the verge of total shutdown.

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JC to seek half share control of companies

rosals for legislation which give unions a half share running of private com-and astionalized indusre being drawn up by the Union Congress. racy for discossion within ade nnion movement was ed by the full TUC last

nher and a final report considered by this year's in Brighton. private industry the TUC
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the members of the superboard would be union
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ally the Act would cover ompanies or groups with than 2,000 employees, but IC proposes that the Govbould take powers to I it later to companies with than 200 workers.

The boards of nationalized industries would he made up equally of union representatives and Government nominees representing the public interest. The TUC hopes that workers' representation might be extended later to lower management levels, public services, like health and education, and local government. government. The proposed Companies Act

is the third piece of industrial legislation which the TUC wants from the Labour Government. It would follow the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill, which abolishes the Industrial Relanons Act and is now before Parliament, and the Employment Protection Bill

Among the provisions the TUC wants from the Bill are better protection for workers against unfair dismissal, advance notice of and better compensation for redundancy, new protection when companies go bankrupt and worker representation oo the management bodies of occupational pension schemes.

Employers would be limited in the disciplining of their employees, and required to make a guaranteed-week arrangement and give information about tha activities of their enterprises to

Minister expects election situation'soon Britain was bound to be "in

an election situation soon, Mr Mulley, Minister for Transport, said yesterday. He was speaking at the opening of the Co-operative Congress at Llandudno.

The Government was doing its ne Government was doing its utmost to deal with rising prices, be said. "I give you a commitment from the Labour movement, backed by the trade unions and by yourselves, of this priority: to attempt to res-train the inflationary consequences of the last year.

"But whatever happens we are bound to be in an election situation pretty soon. This will demand united efforts of the whole of the Labour movement in order to get a government with a full majority dedicated to the principles of social justice and all the things that the three wings of the movement stand

It was not enough to get a government. For a Labour government to succeed, it needed to retain throughout its life the support of the people of the three wings. "If we cao remain united, I am sure we will get a Labour government of which we will all be immensely proud", Mr Mulley said. Co-operative report, page 17:

Clash over claim that Price sisters received last rites they feel they are close to death." By Christopher Sweeney

A Roman Catholic priest

A Roman Catholic priest
formally administered the last
force-fed since May 18 and are rites to the Price sisters in Brixton prison, London, nn Sun-day morning, the girls' mother, Mrs Kathleen Price, said yester-day. She said her daughters, Dolours and Marion, who have heen on bunger strike for 194 days, had requested a visit from the priest.

But the Home Office last night

make a 30-minute compassionate visit yesterday, said thet emervisit yesterday, said thet emergancy medical equipment, iocluding cardiac machines, had force-fed on May 22recently heen set up in the hospital wing. "Both are very weakGerard Kelly, said and tired now. They were told by the doctors that from Tues day they would not be able to leave their beds, nor would they be allowed to wash themselves." Mrs Price said the girls asked

for the last rites last week:

them; it was logical to ask, as

They wanted a priest close to

taking only water. They have told prison medical officers that they will not sign the euthorization to permit artificial feeding legally if they become uncon-

scious.
Miss Price said none of the

family bad tried to dissuade them. "We fully support them, But the Home Office last night as do the families of Hugh denied that the last rites had Feeney and Gererd Kelly, who been administered. The sisters, are also on strike", she said. been administered. And Sible 5, iailed for their part in the London car bombings, began the joint action committee, support-hunger strike to compel their ing the bunger strikes. Mr move to prison in Northern Faeney and Mr Kolly are scantily clad and in solitary constraint in Wormwood Scrubs Miss Claire Prica, aged 26, finement in Wormwood Scrubs their sister, who was allowed to: prison, London, and Cartree prison, Leicestershire. Mr Feeney, who according to his mother does not have a blanket, was last

> Mr Liam Kelly, father of Mr Gerard Kelly, said yesterday that he was refused permission to see his son. He did not know whether he was still being forcibly fed. Dr Berenice Beaumont, wbo

is in general practice in north doubted wbether the girls could survive another two months.

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Army specialists can do just enough to keep Ulster going

By Heory Stanhope Defence Correspondent

About 200 more technicians, including a field squadron of the no other major reinforcement of the 17,000 troops stationed there is intended at present.

No details of the range of skills deployed by the Services in Ulster bave been made known. The range is thought, bowever, to cover most of tha functions essential to the main-tenance of civilized life in any

Sewage disposal and water supply are certainly among those functions, as well as the exper-tise to supply a limited amount of power. But it is doubtful if the specialists could cope, for instance, with the complications of an oil refinery; fuel stocks may have to replenished by refined oil brought across the Irisb Sea by ship when the storage depots now heing tapped in Ulster run dry.

One ermy officer has said:

"We can provide the framework all right, but that is all."

all right, but that is all."

Regiments like the Royal Engineers, the Royal Corps of Transport, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and the Royal Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers ensure that they bave the expertise to run essential services, partly because they might suddenly be called upon to do that in some far-flung corner of the globe and pertly because they want to retain a cadre of instructors to pass on such skills to succeeding military generation:

The Army could, for instance, if pressed, run e small railway system or operate e port on a limited footing; end the skills that it cannot provide ere usu-ally covered by the other two

Ironically, talk of using such skills to break or even to alle-viate the effects of strikes would in normal circumstances cause e political storm to break above the beads of any govern-ment. But traditional loyalties

I have this morning authorized British troops to take control of

the distribution of petroleum pro-

This action, which has now taken place is in fulfilment of the Prime Minister's undertaking oo behalf

of the Government to maintain

It has become necessary in the face of continuing interference with tha

normal distribution arrangements backed by violence and the threat of

No parliamentary democracy accepting as it must the rule of law and order can accept that a group of men, self-appointed and answerable to no one, should decide when and where, and to whom the essentials of life shall be distributed within a part of that democracy.

The troops will be withdrawn im-

The troops will be withdrawn immediately on the resumption of normal services.

The Army together with the Ruyal Ulster Constabulary will implement the direction of the lawfully constituted Government on the built

bare been curiously compli-cated by the crems of the past

Severa! times officers have Royal Engineers, were on their communicated to the Governway to Northern Ireland last ment their doubts about the wisnight, bringing the total of army Workers' Council. The decision and Royal Navy technical speci- to send the troops into the oil alists in the province to more depots and filling stations yesthan 500. But I understand that torday was raken only after a very careful assessment of the Army's ability to carry on serrices in the event of a total walkout by the workers.

The Army's main worry is not so much the duration of the strike as the depth of service that it feels able to provide. One officer put it like this: "Once we have started, we can keep on. We can nibble at it, and keep on nibbling at it; but it is nor a problem we can bope to swallow."

The priority will he as stated : to keep essential services going at a minimal level in order to save life. But the Army cannot hope to do much about the com-mercial and industrial life of the

There is also, however, the problem of security—the reason, after all, for the troops being in Ulster in the first place. In this respect things have been oniet since the strike hegan, with the militant Protestants avoiding any violant clashes with the Army and militant Catholics, in the shape of the IRA, conteot to see their job of bringing Ulster to its knees being done for them.

So while the troops concentrate on running essential ser-vices security duties can take second place. But if the Army bas to cope with a fresh wave of attacks or sabotage by either side, its resources would be-come dangerously over-

The loyalty of the Ulster Defence Regiment to the Army must also he under unprecedented strain now. And there is the question of keeping technicians in reserve. While 500 may ing over for a week or two. there must come e time when oew troops have to be sent in and the Army will be really struggling to make ends meet.

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public separately by the Department of Commerce.

I have also instructed the chief constable and the General Officer Commanding to take all measures they consider personners to make

they consider necessary to main-taio law and order.

The Army said:
At 03.00 hours today the Army moved into nil storage depors, one in the Belfast harbour area and another at Loudooderry, and a number of filling statioos around the province.

They have requisitioned these

premises.
The Army has also taken over a number of fuel transport vehicles and all will be put in the hands of Ministry of Commerce representatives as soon as this can be

arranged.

The Army is to stay at the filling stations and at the depots to protect them. and in the case of the depots and the vehicles to assist

depots and the vehicles to assist with specialist services in the distribution of oil and petrol. The Army is acting for the Ministry of Commerce who are responsible for the nomination of essential users, planning of distribution and issuing the necessary instructions.

Troops stay until 'normal

Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and that Army issued statements yesterday shortly after the Army moved into oil depots in Ulster. Mr Rees said:

distribution of petroleum products and their allocation to essential users, who have first to be strictly limited in number. Detailed arrangements will be made public separately by the Department of Commerce.

services' are resumed



Housewives in a Protestant area of Belfast using a makeshift range for cooking after gas and electricity supplies were cut off yesterday.

Boys aged eight stop babies' milk

From a Staff Reporter Belfast

In Shaftesbury Square, Belfast, yesterday four small boys with dirty faces ordered a district nurse to drive away from a buman barricade and she did as sbe was told. They could not have been more than eight years old and the youngest seemed more interested in a bag of sweets than in the dark-brown car which pulled up a few feet

The nurse jerked on the hand-brake irritably as two grubby bands were placed on the bonner and e hoy wearing ao old red and white striped pullover swag-

gered up to the window.

"Ynu can't cume through",
he said stubbornly. "There is
a demonstration." And so there was, perhaps two thousand women blocking the main road to protest at the Army's intruwoman wound down ber window and shouted: " Take your bands

From Stewart Tendler

"Our ancestors stuck it out in

the siege of Derry, and they ate rats and dogs. We baven't got

that far yet, but we will stick it out too." Thus, with no nonce-able weakening of their

housewife and ber neighbours

yesterday faced the prospect of

no gas for cooking, and a total electricity bleckout.

In Sandy Row, Belfast, they hopped for tinned food and

talked about wood fires in their gardens to cook meals. Men

stood on the street corners

The organizers of the area's

community advice centre began

drawing up plans to maintain the 11,000 adults and their child-

ren in the narrow, redbrick

Operating from a vacant terrace bouse, they have so far concentrated on helping out in food shortages, especially for people whose social benefits have not

Farmers bave brought in sup-

talking.

streets.

arrived.

his friend at the car door was slightly older. "Yon've gut to go back, lady", he said. There was a short argument. The nurse said she was carrying powdered milk for babies, but the boy said he had had no milk that morning. He looked insultingly at her jewelry, then waved her away,

and she reversed down the

With varying degrees of success everyone was trying to wield power in Eelfast yester-day, but of all the parties in-volved in the struggle those four children got the most immediate result. The Army, of course, was occupying the petrol stations. Coils of barbed wire in front of the pumps showed who controlled the fuel, but by afternoon it seemed as though the "loyalists" bad closed nearly every garage in rown that did not have an army garrison in

the forecourt. off my car."

The most obvious exercise of power was in the Belfast suburb

house. On Sanday alone 180

loped over the 13 days of the

strike and six telephones bave been made available in houses

to cope with requests for help and information from the com-

Between fifry and a bundred men have operated a rubbish-

clearance service, going round in the backs of lorries while

others sweep the streets. At the

weekend brown paper rubbish bags arrived, and 22,000 have

been given to families in the

the centre's organizers went off to buy £40 of wholesale food.

In the attic of a terrace house

large tins of cocoa, soup, baby food, and other supplies were piled on the floor. Two church halis near by were being pre-pared as field kitchens, using

Yesterday afternoon one of

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dozen eggs were given ont.

wanted special passes that they could not have them.

Inside Stormont Castle radios Rees's advisers broadcast warn

ings from electricity officials about the imminence of total darkness, a prospect with which Mr John Hume, the Minister of Commerce, has to cope.

Determined people in Belfast streets muster resources to 'stick it out'

olies from Dungannon and Lurportable gas supplies. Three lorryloads of timber was on its gan, giving 60 gallons of milk way from the community's rural supporters to provide cooking fuel in bonses.

Contact had been made with free a day. They have also pro-vided butter and dozens of eggs. The kitchen of the house has become a sort of food ware-

old people, who are being given food and looked after, while to use a playroom in the local community centre. To keep the community spirits

high, plans were being made to get a small band to rour the

The organizers are confident they will have enough food from local shops for the tima being Yesterday the only quenes were outside bakeries. Greengrocers' shops bad plenty to display, and there was no apparent rush. Housewives have been getting in tinned meat, because with power cuts it is impossible to preserve fresh meat.

If water supplies run short, milk churns will be used to hring water from reservoirs, and it will be boiled before distribution. The community will try to meet bealth needs in little bospitais

jumped backwards as if his of Knock where leaders of the mother bad scolded him, but Ulster Workers' Council were

persisted in truency and annsocial behaviour.

Mr G. E. Hughes, south
Gloucestershire, told the 500
delegates that the raising of the
school-leaving age to 16 was
"the Dutch elm disease of
secondary education." Mr B. W.
Watkins, Bristol, said it was a
"rotten apple jeopardizing the
future of secondary schools."

Mr W. Barnett, Birmingham,
a member of the association's onsers workers council were making sure that the military operations were rewarded with a suitably passive backlash.

Mr Harry Patterson, one of the organization's spokesmen, a short man with black, greased bair, told businessmen who

a member of the association's council, said: "We have waited 29 years to raise the leaving age. Within nine months of its being raised we are bolding up our hands in horror and telling "No passes for essential services", he said. "The Army is, stopping our men from working so we have got to reassess the the world we cannot cope." He said be believed they could cope, and looked forward to the

A man asked if he could be allowed to go into the shipyards answer to go into the singurus
to prevent the dry dock from
leaking. "Sorry". Mr Patterson
said, "things are moving very
quickly, but ring up the Army.
Tell them to put 200 men into
the dockyard."

effort from management and men if the full disaster is to be trust may well be a temporary truce et Westminster and at the bustings by the political parties. This is a drastic method, but time is not on our side."

Mr Francis Pym, MP for Cam-bridgeshire, Opposition spokes-

age reconsidered Woman batter to death in flat day when the age would be raised again—a view which the

Heads want leaving

of dismay.

by September.

unless "proper wages" were ing wages of £6,000 a year, and paid schools would start to all the perks of houses and

would be unparalleled unless

the pay review produced results

Mr C. H. Fisher, New Malden, summed up the mood

of dismay when he said:
"Head teachers are on the

country has the best bargain it

has ever had in bead reachers

The advertisements for junior executives in industry are offer

He said the top rate for a bead teacher was £6,454 a year

but only two head teachers got

for a pay increase of at least 30 per cent will be put by the Association of Teachers in Technical Institutions to the review body established by Mr

Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science (a Staff

The association's conference

at Solibull yesterday decided by an overwhelming majority to

prepare evidence on the basis of its present policy. That calls for abolition of the assistant

lecturer scale, merger of lec-

turer scales one and two, and automatic promotion from lec-

turer scale two to that of semior

The claim asks for rises of between 25 and 50 per cent.

with e flat-rate increase on tha

lower scales and a percentage increase on the higher.

the perks of houses and

From Tim Devlin Education Correspondent

The National Association of

Head Teachers at Blackpool

yesterday, by 7,065 votes to

4,831, called on the Government

et 16 in view of massive cuts in

It was a surprise result,

against the wishes of nearly all

the members of the executive

Tha association, which has

17,500 members, supported a

demand for up to £9,000 a year

for some head teachers. It

warnad the Government that

paid schools would start to

disintegrate within a year and

The head teachers threatened

to stop supervising school hinches because of the "inade-quare help" from other staff. They also asked the Govern-ment to force local authorities

to set up units for pupils who persisted in truency and anti-

educational spending.

Blackpool

council.

collapse in five.

a man after a woman had his found battered to death a with a rope round her neck her flat in Colchester, East conference greeted with shouts Mr Frank Mills, Sr Albans, Detectives said they did a exclude e possible link hand the death and that of the Colchester woman who found stabbed at her home. said the association's pay policy would cost the Government an extra £300m, but the education to reconsider whether the service must either be refleated school-beaving age should stay or perish. Teacher militancy

In brief

Two hurt in air crash Two men escaped with I injuries and another was burt when their Piper Chara aircraft crashed at Southend port last night while comis rempage. We have had enough of being pushed around. The

Dake eliminated The Dake of Edinburgh

escaped injury in the both driving trials et Lowther, no Penrich, Cumberland, on St. day when his carriage ov turned, was eliminated yest day for taking the wrong ron Motorway repairs ban

Garage men near the MS Worcestershire are refusing do repairs on the hard should after a mechanic was killed Sanday by a passing car. Th-will tow breakdowns off t

BBC sport disrupted

Bank holiday sports parammes were discusted yest day on BBC television throw a strike by members of the National Association of Theat cal, Television and Kine F-ployees, who are demanding rise of £1.50 a week.

Kirk education plea The General Assembly of

Church of Scotland yestere urged Mr Ross, Secretary State for Scotland, to introdu legislation to give full recognion to religious education schools.

MP proposes anti-inflation coalition The Government's handling of called "Labour's policy of since the war. "They came

inflation was criticized yesterday by two Conservative MPs and a third put forward the idea of a coalition to deal with the

his constituency: "Why not a coalition for the lifetime of a four-year Parliament to overcome inflation? Unions distrust the Tories and managers, and investors distrust socialism.
"Yer we need 100 per cent avoided. The antidote to this dis-

appeasement " over inflation, which be described " as unrealistic and futile as its policy of appeasement in the 1930s". But he welcomed the forthcoming issue.

Sir Harmar Nicholls, MP for Peterborough, said at e fête in What we set up the Relativities Board for ". He said at Peterborough:

Labour fought the February election on a platform of peace at any price, even at the cost of weakening Parliament's authority. They committed themselves to buying off those was threatened economic disruption, while at the same time promising increased living stan-dards for all. Lewis Carroll would have envied those who could include in such make-Mr Peter Walker, shadow Secre-tary of State for Industry, said

in his Worcester constituency Was Droviding the agriculture, attacked what he most inflationary government incompatible.

since the war. They came power with British exports to most competitive in Europe already they have serion eroded this advantage, he sa Increasing prices would so make British exports the mempensive in Europe. Additionally will be the impose of the control of t Government which wishes create a free-for-all in wages Mr William Wolfe, chairman withe Scottish National Party, sa in Glasgow yesterdey that Sc. land had a choice between boo and-burst exploitation of Noi Sea off or long-term develo

Mr Varley, Secretary of Strong Energy, had expressed intention of making the Nor Sea oil industry last at least years. "Yet ar the same to he has reaffirmed general Tor Labour strategy of attaining a maintaining United Kingdo self-sufficiency ",

MP walks 231 miles to a world record

Mr Richard Crawshaw, aged 56, Labour MP for Liverpool, Toxteth, set a world record last night by completing a 231-mile walk for charity. The previous record was 230.8 miles. The walk began on Priday evening at Aintree racecourse. It was organized by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Mr Crawshaw defied doctors' edvice to give up the attempt, from which the NSPCC bopes to raise £2,500.

The only man to ourwalk Mr Crawshew was Staff Sgt Jobn Brooks, aged 39, of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, at Bicester, but he took the permitted short stops, which Mr Crawshaw

Poster campaign will urge. alcoholics to seek aid

was launched yesterday. The posters, issued by the

National Council on Alcoholism (NCA), show an empty bottle and an upturned whisty glass in front of a telephone with the message: "A way to pur down the bottle is to pick up the phone." The telephone number of the council's local office is given.

Mr Derek Rutherford, director of the government funded council, said the posters would appear in doctors' surgeries and in clubs and, be hoped on buses and in factories. "We have to find ways of individuals before

A pational poster campaign they get to rock bottom.", to get Britain's estimated said. "We must get to the 300,000 alcoholics to seek help when their problem is still social one, not five or six yes later, when it is a medical o-that includes physical deper-ence on alcohol."

Drinkers must be persuad. that there was no moral stign and that they were suffaring big bealth hazard which cor be prevented. . .

People who telephone will put in touch with an expe enced counsellor.

The suitade rate amo alcoholics is 80 per cent high than in the rest of the popucruelty arises from a ground of alcoholism alcoholism council says.

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Fears that IRA may return to offensive

Continued from page 1

tankers, and man petrol stations. power stations and sewagedisposal works, as well as distributing food, the theory goes, Mr Rees will be forced to negotiate with the workers' council. What makes this plan so attractive to the loyalists is that they can claim never to have fired one shot at the Army dur-

ing the strike, and therefore nut in any way to have disgraced their British heritage. The strikers also tried to close Belfast's main airport at Aldergrove yesterday, when the refuelling operators walked oot, but the main airlines flying to

Belfast said that they were put-ting enough fuel on hoard air-craft for the return trip. All rail services in the province stupped, however, even the main route to Dublin.

Tha Army's greatest fear is still that the IRA, which has fired scarcely a sbot all week, will at last take advantage of the situation. There are 16,500 troops in Northern Ireland, with a further 2,000 on standby for Ulster in England and Germany. The latter will almost certainly be called on if the Provisionals decide to launch an offensive in the next few days.

There have been disturbing reports of meetings between the Provisionals and leaders of the Official IRA in Belfast to obtain agreement on a plan of defence for Roman Catholic areas. In Londonderry, the Provisionals, who have been steadily losing popularity there for the past six months, have suddenly once again caught penple's sympathy since the old nightmare of a Protestant backlash bas reappeared

Several army officers yesterday admitted privately that they appeared to heve been placed in an impossible position and that if the executive were to fall many soldiers would feel that the purpose for which they had been sent to Northern Ireland had been sacrificed. .

have been saying over the past two years that soldiers are there to act in support of the civil In an incident at Dromore

the official car carrying Mr
Devlin and Mr Cooper was
stopped at a barricade by a mob. The two ministers were re-turning from Dublin accom-panied by Miss Eileen Fitt, daughter of Mr Gerard Fitt, the deputy Chief Executive.

They found the by-pass at Dromore blocked by a barricade and a large group of people, some of them waving Ulster flags. The official driver found that side roads were also blocked by trees and be turned the car round and beaded back through Newry to Dublin.

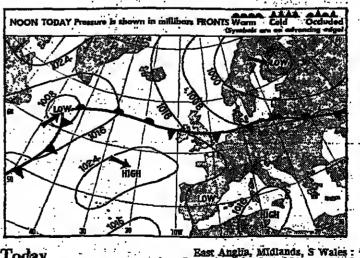
The Royal Ulster Constabulary later issued a statement saying that the official car had been escorted by the RUC. The roadblock was created by tractors and the local police bad been trying to get rid of them. The ministers bad been advised that other roads were

available, but they decided to travel to Newry, where they chose to go back to Dublin. Bishop's offer: The Bishop of Down and Dromore, the Right Rev George Quin, said yester-day thet he had offered to act as a go-between to break the strike deadlock (the Press Asso-ciation reports). He said the loyalists had told him they were prepared to join talks without any pre-conditions. Town sealed off: Parmars from

co Armagh last night sealed off Portadown, blocking roads with farm machinery. In the Protes-tant Watersida district of Loudonderry ebout 70 women ordered landlords at a dozen public houses to close them. Union opposition: Delegates representing British boiler-makers and shipwrights will oppose the Government's Ulster policy at their conference at

Scarborough this week. They want troops withdrawn and the Sunningdale conference reconveoed on the basis of atten-This may not be a general dance by all parties in the view, but certainly politicians Northern Ireland Assembly.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today Moon sets : 1.14 am 12.40 pm
First Quarter: 2.3 pm.
Lighting up: 9.33 pm to 4.22 am.
High water: London Bridge, 7.28
am, 6.8m (22.4ft); 7.46 pm, 6.5m
(21.35ft). Avonmouth, 12.38 am,
11.9m (39.1ft); 1.15 pm, 11.5m
(37.6ft). Dover, 4.48 am, 5.9m
(19.4ft); 5.15 pm, 6.0m (19.7ft).
Hull, 11.44 am, 6.7m (21.9ft).
Liverpool, 4.50 am, 8.0m (26.3ft);
5.32 pm, 7.6m (25.0ft).

A trough of low pressure will move slowly S over England and Wales in a W to NW airstream.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE, SW and cuntral 6
England: Sunny spells, becoming
cloudy with rain later; wind W,
moderate; max temp 19° or 20°C
(66° to 68°F).

temp 150 or 16°C (59° to 61°F).

N Wales, E. NE, NW and central
N England, Lake District, Isle of
Man, N Ireland: Rain or drizate,
becoming brighter with scarrered
showers; wind W, becoming NW,
moderate: max temp 13° or 14°C
(55° to 57°F).

Channel Islands: Sunny spells,
showers later: wind NW,
moderate: max temp 16°C (61°F).
Caithness: Orkney, Shetland:
Showery, bright or sunny intervals; wind N, fresh; max temp
8°C (46°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and

Becoming cloudy with occasional rain later; wind W, moderate; max

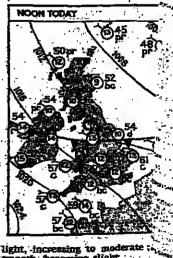
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Soc (460°K).
Outlook for tomorrow and
Thursday: Sunny periods but a few
scattered showers. Britain will
have more general rain later. have more general rain later.

Rather cool at first, but temp rising to near normal.

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of Dover, St. George's Channel:
Wind W, moderate; sea alight.
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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzle ;



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Pay Board report on London allowances must balance breakdown risk and inflation

By Raymond Perman Latbour Staff

The Pay Board is working on the final stages of what could be its most important report, enabling many thousands of workers to claim rises on top of anything payable under Phasa

Today it will be hearing the last of a ling line of employers and unions who have given their views on London weighting allowances. Also being examined are the first results from a computer of a questionnaire oo housing and travelling expenditure put to 65,000 people; e survey of 250 companies paying London allowances and a study of the retail costs inside and outside the capital.

The board's eight members will discuss and assess the evidence before delivering the report to Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, about the eod of June

It is bound to he a controversial document. About 750,000 workers in the public and private sectors receive a weighting-allowance of some kind. More than 2,000 staff in town halls throughout the capital are on strike for increases in their allowances well above Phase Three limits, and militant teachers are threatening to walk

Funds urged to

help young

homosexuals

From Stephen Cohen
of The Times Educational

Malvern
Government funds for the
work of Parents' Enquiry, e
voluntary organization which
helps parents of young homosexuals to understand their diffi-

culties, were called for at the anoual cooference of the Cam-

paigo for Homosexual Equality at Malvern yesterday.

In a nine-point resolution 750 delegates voted overwhelmingly

to direct their energies towards alleviating the difficulties faced by homosexuals under 21.

Leaflets and posters are to be produced, public meetings arranged and approaches made to youth clubs, scours and girl guides and the Department of

Education and Science. Student and youth counselfors are to be sent study kits.

The conference agreed that

the age of consent should be 16 and that the law should offer

to people below that age.

In Michael De-la-Noy, a vicepresident of the campaign, was

censured for remarks he made

when he opened the conference on Saturday. He threatened to withdraw his support if dele-gates voted to accept an age of

consent of 12. There was no such

proposal, it was stated. The executive committee was asked

to remove his name from the list of vice-presidents.

Man on Palace

A man alleged to have driveo his van into the gates of Buck-ingham Palace and at four newspaper buildings on Sunday night was remanded on bail until

June 4 at Bow Street magistrates

court vesterday.

He is Peter Chappell, aged 33, lorry driver, of Wager Street, Bow, who was charged with driv-

ing under the influence of alcohol, driving without insurance, and failing to obey a road sign, and also faced five charges of criminal damage.

A cheque written on a paving

A cheque written on a paving, stone by a woman councillor for her rates has been rejected.

Mrs Margaret Butler, a Liberal member of Oxford City Council, pushed her paving stone cheque to the council offices in a wheelbarrow in pro-

of the city's main shopping streets. The bank is refusing to pay because it is not satisfied with the signature.

The Campaign for the Nationalization of Land has

moved into suspended anima-non with a deficit of £268.04 (our Political Staf writes).
During its life from Septem ber 1, 1973, to February 1, 1974, the pressure group, which set

land had subscriptions of £103, and total receipts of £279. It spent £547, mainly on printing.

Norfolk Naturalists' Trust

has raised £142,000 hy public appeal to huy land for nature and wildlife reserves.

Thirty passeo gers were in-

jured, one seriously, when two

craches were in collision near Alton, Hampshire, late on

Five councillors of Clay Cross who have had the Labour whip in the North-east Derbyshire District Council withdrawn from them, claimed

their support of dustmen in a

£142,000 success

30 hurt in crash

Whip withdrawn

Sunday might

pay demand.

Land pressure group halts

Flaw in paving

stone cheque

gates charge

The Confederation of British Industry has told the board that many employers are looking to its recommendations to solve the critical staff shortages.

The seriousness of the task has not been lost oo the Pay Board. In a recent speech Mr Derek Robinson, one of the board's deputy chairmen, said : "It has been put to us that the whole social fabric of London is in danger of disintegration; that the provision of certain basic and essential services, mainly in the public sector but also in the private, might be seriously damaged if we do not get the answers right."

When the board is abolished which the board is abounted weighting report is likely to he its only lasting memorial. It will he the first official study of allowances since Report 44 of the National Board for Prices and Incomes in 1967, which provided the basis for calculating allowances for public em-ployaes. Dissatisfaction with this basis has largely led to the present disputes.

Serious staff shortages in local government, teaching and London Transport are the most dramatic illustrations of a more general problem. Yet Report 44 rejected the idea of increasing weighting allowances suffi-ciently to attract staff into par-ticular industries because of tha

wage war between employers and to accelerating inflation. The only criterion was to be the extra cost of homes and travel

the formula it produced has meant allowances which do not even compensate for those. In 1972, at the height of the house price boom, terchers were oftered 515 a year on too of their allowance of £118. They rejected it out of hand and are now claiming an extra £232.

£350 for the outskirts. They say that £200 a year is needed to compensate for the additional housing costs in the centre; £100 for fares; £91 for extra travelling time; and £31 to make up for the strain of city communities Commuting.

Local authorities have agreed

The board has to find a new formula that will balance the threat of inflation with the threat of a hreakdown of essential

ling to London. Critics of the report say that

Civil servants want their allowances more than doubled to £550 for inner London and

to pay town hall staff interim increases of hetween £186 and £216, and are looking to the Pay Board report to provide an answer to critical staff shortages. The major banks are ready to pay increases of up to £100 for their London staff as soon as the law allows.

the trial services. It will be Mr Foot's responsibility to fit that furmula into the voluntary incomes policy which the Government intends should follow Phase Three.



The first day field in the Milk Race near Midhurst, Sussex, yesterday, when the 1,100-mile amateur

'Scots-Welsh lead in comprehensives'

Correspondent
England is laggiog behind
Wales and Scotland to compresensive education, Mrs Caroline Beon, the education, Mrs Catoline Beon, the educationist, says in an article published today. Scotland and Wales can claim three quarters of 13-year-olds in comprehensive schools; England has yet to reach half, she writes in Forum, a magazine which favours comprehensive

A survey that she has under-taken but which she has yet to publish, shows that only 7 per ceot of comprehensive schools in Wales coexist with grammer schools, whereas 56 per cent of Eoglish comprehensive schools The magazine, which comes

out three times a year, calls on

new education Act and to abolish the anomaly of the direct-grant schools. Whila cer-tain sections of the 1944 Act remain on the statute hook, it says, they can be abused and England will never get a fully comprehensive system from nursery school to sixth form. In June the editorial bhard will hold a conference to discuss the hold a coofercoce to discuss the extension of comprehensive education beyond the age of 16.

Mr Prentice, Secretary of

State for Education and Science is not likely to abolish direct grant and independent schools for several years, and will not begin to consider it before his party has a large majority in Parliament,

versy over reorganization is prestest in England because of the hold of the selective schools, particularly the direct grant and independent schools.

Eogland has nearly all the 175 direct grant schools for children between 11 and 18. Eight per cent of English schools are independently run, compared with only 3 per cent in Wales.

She says that England is far more preoccupied with pareotal choice. In Scotland the local school is automatically attended school is automatically attended by most of the local children. Neighbourhood schools are also very extensive in Wales. English comprehensives tend

Parliament.

Mrs Benn, wife of Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State

to he smaller: 31 per cent have more than 1,000 children, compared with 43 per cent in Wales.

Six remanded on cannabis charge

Four men and two women were remanded in custody for a week by magistrates at Lewes, Sussex, yesterday, charged with illegally importing caonabis at Newbaren.

Customs officers and drug squad detectives raided a reuted house at Heathfield, near Easthourne, at the week-end and seized £50,000 of cannabis.

Oil-rig litter drifts in

Sheriogham beach, Narfolk, is littered with rubbish helieved by residents to have come ashore after being dumped from North

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Dilemma faces MPs' committee keeping an eye on EEC laws

By John Groser

Political Staff MPs on both sides of the House are expressing coocern about the effectiveness of the European Secondary Legislation Commit-tee which has been set up in the

Commons. Although the Government was careful, in laying down the orders for the committee, out to call it a select committee, members of the committee and its legal advisers take the view that it is de facto a select committee and consequently subject to the rules of privilege of the House.

Government had inteoded that this committee should keep an eye on the EEC Commission and seek to safeguard the interests of Britain in the corridors of power at Brussels. To this end the committee's terms were that it should consider the draft proposals by the Commission for Secondary Legislation, and other documents published by the commission for submission to the Council of Mission

The committee was expected to report its opinion oo whether such proposals or other docu-ments raised questions of legal or political importance, to give reasons for such opinious. report what matters of principle or policy might be affected, and to what exteor they might affect the law of the United

Mr John Davies, former Chancellor of the Ducby of Lancaster and the minister responsible for Europe in the last administration, who is chairman of the committee, and the 1S

the three major political parties, had hoped to make the committee's proceedings as public as possible. They wanted to encourage interested parties with a coocern in European legislation to come before the committee

with their representations. So far, the committee has been trying at its two meetings to decide how it can be flexible without breaking the rules of privilege and, if it cannot, then whether it should seek to hreak those rules.

As things stand no member of the committee is allowed to discuss either with constituents or with the news media the deliberations of the committee, and until this dilemma is resolved, the committee has not even attempted to establish its modus op*erandi*.

So far it is governed only by terms of reference which include the power to appoint persoos with expert knowledge for the purpose of particular loquiries, either to supply information which is out readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the committee's order of reference.

It is clear that the committee

it is clear that the committee is empowered to send for persons, papers and records and to appoint subcommittees for specific issues.

The committee is ordered "to report from time to time". The difficulty, as members of the committee now see it, is that, hound by its inflexible rules, it

Father criticizes **Editors say Bill** has makings of security 'rogues' charter at pop concert

Newspaper editors yesterday attacked a proposed law which, they said, "has all the makings of a rogues' charrer". The Guild of British Newspaper Editors is urging the Government to delay passage of the Rehabilitation of Offenders' Bill, a private mem-

The Bill, now in its committee stage in the House of Commons, would make it an offeoce to publish a person's criminal record after a certain period of time had elapsed.

Mr Rohert Taylor, chairman of the guild's parliamentary and legal committee, said yesterday: "This would give a real knock to investigatory journalism. For example, if e person was ruoning for public office and we found out that he had a crimical record we could not

sion and understanding. "But if it makes truth less than of paramouot importaoce it has all the makings of a rogues' charter, whatever good it may achieve"

Mr Taylor said. The guild hoped that the Gov-ernment would leave the matter until after the reports had beeu published of Lord Justice Philli more's committee on the law of contempt and Mr Justice Faulks's committee on defama-

has at present nothing to report, and the hacklog of European legislation increases daily.

By a Staff Reporter Security arrangements at David Cassidy's pop concert at the White City, London, on Sun-day night were criticized yester-

day night were criticized yesterday by Mr Peter Wheeler, whose
daughter was seriously ill in hospital yesterdey, after being
crushed there.

Bernadette Wheeler, aged 14,
who had quened for 12 hours to
get a seat, suffered a cardiac
arrest in the crush when girls
tried to get near the American
singer.

Yesterday she was in the emergency wing of Hammersmith Hospital, London. Mr Cassidy sent her flowers. Three other girls were admitted, two with severe abdominal pains. More than 700 had to be treated after the concert, which was attended by 35,000.

Mr and Mrs Wheeler, from

Reykjavik, Mey 27.—Opposition politicians today forecast the end of left-wing government in Iceland after voters swung to the right in municipal polls yesterday. A general election is to he held next month.

Results were: Independence Party, 26,973 votes and nine Mr and Mrs Wheeler, from Stockwell, said after visiting The guild understood that the Bill was prompted by compasticular found she was in hospital only found she was in hospital only after sha yesterday morning after sha failed to return home.

Mr Wheeler, aged 53, said: "Safety arrangements at pop leave a lot to he desired.

Doctors had told him that they did not know what caused his daughter's heart to stop. Mel Bush Organisation Ltd, promoters of the concert, last night denied that security arrangements were inadequate.

increase in refining capacity, for which the Thames estuary is an

obvious location, should be con-

centrated in as small an area as

possible. With the Shellhaven and Mobil Coryton refineries

immediately to the west, BP on the Isle of Grain, a few miles down stream, and the still disputed Burmah Oil proposals

for Cliffe, on the Kent coast, near Rochester, Canvey falls neatly

into the pattern.

Local residents, oot surprisingly, see the issue rather differently. They say that they are bombarded by smell and pollunion from Corytoo and Shellhaven, and are now faced with the total destruction of the

with the total destruction of the intervening green helt land in an area where the population is expanding rapidly and is expected to double by the end of

the century.

Perhaps more important are

the safety considerations. In July, 1970, the SS Monte Ulia

rammed a jetty at Coryton, severed tha oil lines, and in Sir Bernard's words, "literally set

the Thames on fire".

Canvey Island is the terminal

for supplies of liquefied methana from Algeria, and has

storage for more than 100,000 tons of the highly volatile fuel.

A fire at the refinery or a tanker

collision could have disastrous

of the Castle Poiot refineries re-

sistance group, realizes the risks

of sounding too alarmist. He recognizes that the oil iodustry

has a generally good safety

quiry into the whole fiture of oil-hased developments on Thumes-side He claims that the

two refineries would generate oure than 800 road tanker

movements a day to and from

the island, even if a promised

Since Canvey is one of the few

ereas within commuter range of

London where house prices are

still within the capacity of rela-

tively low-paid workers, most of the residents would have little

Sir Bernard, has defied his party leadership on the issue,

chance of moving elsewhere.

He wants a wide-ranging in-

Mr Philip Haslam, secretary

consequences.

rail link is built.

record.

Fire fear underlies Canvey islanders' refineries battle

By John Young Planning Reporter Canvey Island, on the northern shore of the Themes estuary a few miles west of Southend few miles west of Southend on Sea, is not many people's idea of a heanty spot. It is a place of flat meadows, housing estates, a handful of factories, and a couple of holiday camps. It covers 4,000 acres and is separated from the mainland by a narrow, muddy creek which virtually doies out at low tide.

Bot its inhabitants like it well enough, and for the past 10 years, they have been fighting to prevent half the island from being overrun first by one, now by two, giant oil refineries. A deputation led by Sir Bernard Braine, Conservative MP for Essex, South-East, is to meet Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment today, to try to persuade him to countermand the decisions of his predecessors.

It is a disturbing story. Con-servative and Labour governmeots at different times have overruled the advice of their inspectors after public inquiries, and the fears of local people, on environmental and safety grounds, appear to have been largely disregarded.

That those fears are not con-

fined to a handful of conservationists is shown by the fact that last year more than 8,000 of the 30,000 residents marched to plant white wooden crosses on one of the refinery sites.

The first inquiry took place in 1965, into a proposal by the Italian comogny, ENI, to build e refinery with a capacity of two million tons a year. The inspector recommended refusel, but Mr Crossman, then the minister responsible, approved

scheme. ENI allowed its plans to lapse. hut Occidental Petroleum came forward with plans for a much larger refinery to process six million tons a year. During 1970 unsuccessful negotiations took place between the two groups about a possible joint project, and ENI then linked up with another American company, Murphy Cil.

ln November, 1971, after further oublic inquiries, Occidental's plan was approved. Occidental's plan was approved.
ENI-Murphy promptly submitted plans for a four million tons refinery. After another inquiry the inspector again recommended refusal, but Mr Rippon, mended refusal, but Mr Rippon, the line Secretary of State for the Environment approved the ment I must warn the authority. the inspector again recommended refusal, but Mr Rippen, then the Secretary of State for the Environment, approved the

project.
Successive covernment think. ing has been that the necessary tuency", he says.

WEST EUROPE

M Giscard plans to be 'modern President'

From Richard Wigg Paris, May 27

Walking on foot to the Elysee Palace as a simple citizen dres-sed in a lounge suit and shaking hands among the waiting crowds. M Valery Giscard d'Estaing strove conspicuously today to inaugurate his seven years as French President in a

This morning, in e relaxed brisk manner, he went through the first official ceremonies which, at his orders, had been shorn of time-hallowed "red carpet" protocol. In the after-noon he named M Jacques Chirac, at 41, seven years his junior, to he the new Prime Minister.

"What counts now is action."
the President told journalists at
the Elysée after this morning's
ceremonies. His appointment of
M Chirac means, it is generally
agreed, that be intends to govern very directly from a strong executive headed by himself. "From today a new era begins in French politics," M Giscard d'Estaing declared to an audience of some 250 political leaders and senior officials who

leaders and senior officials who watched the inauguration ceremony in the heavily ornate Salle des Fêtes, where President de Gaulle aod President Pomoidou held their hushed press conferences.

Thirty hrightly dressed boys and girls, aged 11 aod 12, had been invited from a Paris subheen invited from a Paris sub-urhan mixed secondary school to attend for the first time and were given a privileged place before even members of the

Cahioet.

The Presideot carefully emphasized that all the voters had indicated their "wish for change". He paid a tribute by oame to the two losers, M Francois Mitterrand, the left's candidate, and M Chaban Delmas, who was present.

M Giscard d'Estaing merely accepted momeotarily the insignia of the Grand Master of the Legion d'Honneur, instead of wearing it, dressed in white

of wearing it, dressed in white tie and tails as Presidents have previously done and then signed the record that he had taken office as the twentieth president of France.
Not only was there literally

no red carpet out for the President at the Elysee Palece. M. Giscard d'Estaing had driven himself from his old Ministry of Economics and Finance in the Rue de Rivoli. At the cor-

The right-wing opposition

Independence Party increase

lts support in Revkjavik by win-ning \$7.8 per cent of the votes

cast yesterday, to capture nine of the 15 seats. It received 43 per cent of the vote in the last

local elections in 1970 and won

Mr Geir Hallgrimsson, that party leader, said today: "This

resounding victory means the

Municipal elections here usu-

suspends release

Rome, May 27.—The Supreme Court to Rome today temporarily

suspended a Genoa court's deci-sion gracting provisional liberty to eight convicted anarchists in

exchange for the release of the kidoapped magistrate. Dr Mario

The court issued an injunction

against the decision until it makes a definitive ruling on an

appeal by Dr Francesco Coco, the Genna chief public prosecu-

tor, who has refused to counter-sigo the Genoa court document. Dr Sossi, aged 42, was freed on Thursday night after 3S days

in captivity at the hands of a left-wing group calling itself the "Red Brigades". The group had demanded the release of

eight members of an anarchist band called "October 22" as

the price of Dr Sossi's freedom and threatened to kill him unless

European Law Report

Week ending May 17

Commission of the European

Communities
Before the President, Judge R.
Lecourt, and Judges A. Donner,
M. Sorensen, P. Pescalore, H.
Kutscher, C. O'Dalaigh, Lord

Facts:
A German coal vitolesale firm had instituted these proceedings against the European Community, represented by the Commission in Brussels, and against the German companies Rubricohle AG and Rubricohle-Verkauf GmbH. It bad

Ruintkohle-Verwauf GmbH. It bad asked the court to rescind a decision of the Commission, dated December 21, 1972, by which the Commission faction as the successor to the Hein Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community) had amended the rules and regulations governing the sale of German Ruhr coal, and had established at 6,000 metric tons the minimum annual cales which would mant the status of first-hand wholesale distributor. As North and not reached this figure in the oast years, it would lose in the oast years.

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In the course of proceedings,

Communities

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this was done.-Reuter.

Rome court

of anarchists

eight seats.

Iceland poll 'means end

of leftist government'



A wave to the crowds from President Giscard d'Estaing as he walks down the Champs Elysées yesterday with (from left) M. Messmer, the ontgoing Premier, M Poher, president of the Senate, and General Morin, Army Chief of Staff.

ner of the Champs Elysées he got out and walked the length of the chestnut-lined Avenue de Marigny and then into the fashionable Rue dn Fenbourg St Honoré, where the presidential palace is situated.

The President took a second walk immediately after his in-auguration when he went to lay a wreath and rekindle the flame of the Unknown Warrior at the Arc de Triomphe. He was cheered by a crowd estimated at 50,000 hy the police who watched him get out and walk

Results were: Independence Party, 26,973 votes and nine seats (20,902 and eight in 1970); Communist People's Alliance, 8,512 and three (7,167 and two); Progressive Party, 7,641 and two (7,547 and three); Social Democratic Party and Liberals and Leftists union, 3,034 and one. In 1970 the Social Democrats and Liberals and Leftists ran separately, the Social Democrats winning 4,601 votes for ona seat and the Liberals and Leftists 3,106 for another seat.—Reuter.

Telephonists sent

Rome, May 27.-A Vatican

court today sentenced a former Varican telephone operator to three years' jail and another to 14 months for stealing medals

and other precious objects from the Pope's private apartments. Another former telephonist

received a suspended prison term for receiving, and a fourth mao suspended fines for receiv-

All four are appealing against the sentences, which concern thefts committed between 1968

Locarno, May 27.—The Swiss racing driver Silvio Moser died

in hospital here last night from iojuries he suffered io a crasb

in the Monza 1,000 km race in Italy last month. He was 33.—

verkant but bad maintained its submission that the Commission's decision should be quashed on the grounds that it was not propert, motivated. It discriminated against Nold and infringed fundamental rights of property.

As regards the claim that the disputed decision discriminated against Nold, the court held that this was not so. The rules regulating the sale of Ruhr coal applied indiscriminately in all economic operators in this field. Furthermore, by establishing minimum annual sale quotas as a orecondition to the status of first-band wholetaler, who is authorized to purchase directly from the producers, coal producers were enabled to rationalize their production and obtain z steady sales volume at a time of receding sales of coal.

of coal.

The applicant had also argued that the decision infrioged upon certain fundamental rights in as much as it had diminished the sales volume of the firm to a

the tales volume of the firm to a point where its very existence was put in jeopardy. Thus, its right to property, and its right to free choice of professional activity, both guaranteed by the fundamental law of the Federal Republic of Germany as well as by the con-

submission that the Commission's

ng and possessing firearms.

and 1971.-Reuter.

J. Nold, Koblen und Baustoff-grosshandlung, Darmstadt (Federal Republic of Germany)

Nold had dropped its claims against Ruhrkohle and Ruhrkhole-Verkauf but bad maintained its

Racing driver dies

Vatican thefts

to jail for

along the upper end of the heflagged Champs Elysees. A rousing revolutionary march, the "Chant du Depart" which the President used during his election campaign was fre-quently played today as well as the "Marseillaisa" in a further innovation.

nnovation.

Talking to reporters, M Giscard d'Estaing justified all these breaks with tradition, saying France must today have "a modern President" able to capture the public's attention with new ideas.

today without any clear indica-

tion thet an early settlement may be in sight.

The Portuguese had hoped

that agreement would have heen reached by yesterday. However, at the end of the morning session—tha fourth since the talks started—the two

sides announced that they would not be meeting again until this morning.

The Portuguese delegation

has been reinforced by the presence of Dr Antonio de Almeida Santos, the minister responsible for the overseas territories. Ha errived from

Lishon after spending a week touring Mozambique and

At the end of yesterday's meeting Dr Santos said that the talks are progressing nor-

mally but he refused to comment on what form this progress was taking. He said he was satisfied with the cordial

atmosphere. The PAIGC dele-

gation has refused all comment. It was assumed that the two

sides would take advantage of the interlude in the talks yes-

terday to consult their respec-tive leeders. The secretary-general of PAIGC, Mr Aristides Pereira, did not accompany the

delegation to London as expec-ted but has remained in Algiers.

The delegation is instead being led by Major Pedro Pires, a member of ruling executive committee and deputy armed

forces minister in the self-pro-claimad "state" of Guinea-Bissau. It is not known whether Mr Pereira will come to Lon-don for the conclusion of the

Confirmation that the Guines-

Bissau team was attempting to

stitutions of other member states and by certain international treaties, in particular the European

Coovention on the Protection of Human Rights and the additional protocol of March 20, 1952, bad

The court bad already had

occasion to state that fundamental

bumao rights were part of the general principles of law of which

the court was the custodian.

In protecting such rights, the court considers the constitutional traditions common to member states. It could not, therefore, upbold measures which were found to be incompatible with fundamental rights recognized and guaranteed by the constitutions of these member states. Similarly integrated and agree-

these member states. Similarly international treaties and agreements to which member states had adhered in order m protect human

annered in order in protect number rights were of a nature to supply guidelines which should be considered within the framework of Community law. The submissions of the applicant should be examined to the light of those priociples. However, the protection afforded in private property by the concti-

to private property by the consti-tutional instruments of all member states and the guarantees likewise

afforded the free exercise of trade,

work, or other professional occu-pations, far from being absolute by the applicant.

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European Court approach to human rights

Full independence sought

in talks on Guinea-Bissau

The London peace talks he tween the Portuguese and the Guinea Bissan nationalists (PAIGC) enter their fourth day

may get a centre-left coalition

Luxembourg, May 27.—The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg was in political disarray today after the surprise loss of ground by the ruling conserva-tive Christian Social Party in yesterday's general election. There is increasing specula-tion about a possible assumption of power by a centre-left coalition of Socialists and Liberals, which would end 55 years of unbroken rule by the

alone or in coalitinn. The Christian Social Party lost ground in all areas to the Liberals and Socialists, and no party has an overall majority in the new 59-sear Assembly.

Christian Social Party either

The election result was astonishing to most people, as there had been a general feeling that affinent Luxembourg would not be affected by the wind of political change and uncertainty that has swept other EEC countries in the past 15 months.

other EEC countries in the past 15 mooths.
Unofficial but generally accepted results give the Christian Social Party 18 seats (21 at the previous election in 1968), Socialists 17: (12). Liberals 14 (11), Social Democrats five (six) and Communists five (six). The old Assembly had 56 seats.
Mr. Pierre Werner, who has

Assembly had 56 seats.

Mr Pierre Werner, who has been Prime Minister since 1959, made no effort to hide the fact that the result was a blow to him. "Yes, I am very disappointed" he said. "Because my party hid not merit such a defeat."

Informed political sources thought it very possible that Grand Duke Jean, the Grand Duchy's ruler, would summon Mr Womer later today.

Statistically the present coalition of Christian Social Party and Liberal Party could stay in power but the reaction.

stay in power but the reaction, of Mr Gaston Thorn, the Liberal leader, to the results made this unlikely.

"I believe the electors in

ejecting the extremes have

spoken out for reform, not by revolution but with e certain order. he said.

The Socialists have remained fairly reticent, although they made the greatest gains. The sources said this may be edeliberate effort not to the head deliberate effort not to take the limelight from Mr Thorn, who would be the obvious leader of a centre-left coalition.—Reuter.

In a broadcast on the PAIGC's Radio Liberation be said the

"government" of Guinea-Bissau was pressing Portugal, at the London talks, to grant

full independence to all its

his guerrillas were ready to re-

sume their war against Portugal "if the Portuguese Government

will not respect our conquests."
PAICC leaders have ordered an

end to guerrilla operations for the duration of the London talks.

The organization claims to con-trol three-quarters of the main-land of Guinea-Bissan.

Luanda, May 27.—Dr Almeida

Santos watched several hundred demonstrators demand indepen-dence for Angola hefore he left here last night after a three-day

fact-finding visit. Some of the demonstrators carried the flag of the MPLA, the Angola guer-

The demonstration was staged

in defiance of a military ban on

propagande supporting guerrilla movements as long as they con-tinue fighting in Angola. Dr Almeida Santos said before leaving that he had allowed it

to take place so that he could see how the crowd would hehave.

He edded that if the majority opted for independence in a

forthcoming referendum on the future of Angola then their wishes would be respected.

Algiers, May 27.—Dr Agostinho Neto, the president of the

MPLA, today rejected a pro-posed Portugness-sponsored ref-erendum in Angola as unaccept-able. Dr Neto, whose visit here was our announced, met Presi-dent Boumedienne on Saturday.

Portugal's future, page 14

Court of Justice of the

European Communities

It was legitimate to hold that in-

In particular, as regards the guarantees specifically granted to

economic undertakings, such guarantees could out extend to the

protection of commercial interests from the risks ensuing therefrom

which were part of the very essence of economic activity.

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ublic interest.

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Mr. Cabral gave warning that

African territories.

Luxembourg Mass arrests force India's railmen to abandon strike

From Michael Hornsby Delni, May 27

The action committee representing India's militant railwaymen announced tonight that it hed "resolved unilaterally to call off" the 20-day-old national rail strike from 5 am tomorrow.

In coming to its decision, the committee said that it had taken into account "the economic consequences of prolonging" the strike as well as the hardships suffered by railwaymen and their families as a result of Government repres-The withdrawal of the strike

appears to be completely unconditional—a signal victory for Mrs Gandhi'a Government, which had all along insisted that there could be no resumption of negotiations on the railwaymen's wage demand un-less they first went back to work.

The strikers' two main demands were for a 75 per cent pay rise to give them parity with workers in nationalized industries, and the introduction of an annual bonus equal to one month's wages. The Govern-ment says it does not have the

funds to meet these demaaction committee said that : than 50,000 railway workers been arrested and deta without trial more than I dismissed from their jobs, nearly 30,000 "thrown of their houses with bag and gage and with their hel

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wives and innocent childre While there is some exagtion in the figures, there doubt that arrests have he n mass scale, numbering, reliably estimated, in the r of 30,000. Figures on dismand evictions from govern subsidized housing ara reliable, but there has cert been widespread police himent of striking railwayme Of the 1,400,000 full-time way workers, 500,000 h to government-affiliated unious who boycotted the: from the outset, and the Green was also able to mo regular and territorial trocreplace the strikers.

Nevertheless, the ma used by the Governmer break the strike will leave bitterness. "This was outerness. This was than anything we experie under the British", a me., of the action committee tol. "This was war."

Four talks with Mr Bhut tame Punjab rebel

From Our_Correspondent Rawalpindi, May 27

Mr Bhurto, the Pakistan Prime Minister, who until last week faced apparently serious opposition from his chief lieutenant, Mr Mustafa Khar, in the Punjah People's Party, appears to have weathered the storm, at least for the moment, and tamed the angry former Chief Minister during his eight-day stay in Lahore.

Lahore.

Mr Mustafa Khar, who had been Mr Bhutto's nominated governor and then Chief Minister in Punjah, had openly defied the People's Party mandate on the opening day of the Punjah Assembly budget session last week by voting with the Opposition on a motion against the Government. Mr Bhutto called him for talks on four occasions him for talks on four occasions and is helieved to have given him a dressing down.

ment denying that he op Mr Bhutto and affirming loyalties to the Prime Mir who is also chairman o party. He declared: "Pal-and Zulfikar Ali Bhutto became synonymous an oppose the Prime Minister oppose the integrity and su

of my country."

In an amazing posomersault, be said today
Mr Bhutto had no peer in stan in matters of patrioris; love for all four province In a week of agitati Lahore 28 leaders and rep tatives of journalists and workers have been oetr-They include the Secr-General of the Pakistan Fe Union of Journalists. A tw. newsvendors' strike, has called off however and papers are expected to a again tomorrow.

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Kuwait, Mey 27.—Water and oxygen was fed to men trapped in the wreckage of e half-completed office block in central Knwait today. There was no news of any further survivors heing brought

out of the huilding, three floors of which collapsed yesterday. Kuwait newspapers today gave casualty estimates of up to 69 dead, but Government officials stood by a statement last night

to destroy film about Chi Athens, May 27.-An A-

court today sentenced a st to 10 months in jail for att ing last week to destroy local cioema e reel of the Jesus Christ Superstar w. saw.

Nicos Reppas, e student technical school, declared he had acted out of "indignover the anti-Christien tacle " of the film, which he presented Christ as " a p that six men died, some 25 had rute, receiving the caresses been freed, and 14 remained in hlack Magdalene ".—As the wreckage.—Reuter. France Presse.

Mr Whitlam may have a clear Senate majority

Prom Our Correspondent Melbourne, May 27

Mr Gough Whitlam, the Australian Prime Minister, is to make a nation-wide television and radio broadcast on Thursday in which he will announce the return of his Government to office on the strangth of the result of the recent general election. In his address he will also give details of what he considers the mandate the electors have given him.

The counting of postal votes for the House of Representatives continued today and appeared to confirm the impression that the state of the parties in the new House will be Labour 66 seats, Opposition 60, with one still in the balance.

Distribution of the decisive preference votes will begin on Wednesday and should he completed the next day. Counting of the complicated Senate ballot papers was also resumed today to deal with hut it will go on for enother Hamer said.

The indications so far are Labour will have 29 seats, Opposition coalition 26.
Democratic Labour Party and Independents rwo, with undecided. If Lahoor cap the two donbtful seats, might well do, Mr Whit triumph will be complete will then have a majority in

Houses and can press on the programme the old S:

The main emphasis in Prime Minister's hroadcast be on new measures with he proposes to combat inflationary, Mr Ropert Hame Today, Mr Ropert Hame Today, Mr Ropert Hame Today, Mr Ropert Hame Today, In the grip Today North Today In the grip Today North Today Control of the Control major credit squeeze. M. he said, was extremely The squeeze would be a 1. topic at the premiers' connection in Camberra on Ju.

"We will be asking the Fe to Government how it proto deal with the situation, to

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leading party adviser From Victoria Brittain Saigon, May 27 For the first time in five years President Thieu has dismissed one of his few close advisers, for reasons which are being kept On the military from m

Mr Nguyen Van Ngan had the field of Community law, soch-rights were limited by the objec-tives of general interests pursued by the Community, always granted that the sobstance of such rights

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Dr Kissinger narrows differences on Golan accord to 'very few' as Mr Gromyko arrives in Syria

The visit of Mr Gromyko in-

Dr Kissinger had left behind

in Jerusalem two other senior aides, Mr Harold Saunders, of the National Security Council, and Mr Robert McCloskey, an

ambassador at large. Their task was to assist the Israelis on the other side of the drafting opera-

nther side of the drawing opera-tion.

During the day tha talks be-tween Dr Kissinger and Syrian leaders appeared to have hit a rough patch: when Damascus radio attacked attempts to en-compass the activities of Pales-

tinian guerrillas in the Golan accord. The Syrians declared that only the "Palestinian leadership" was empowered to discuss such subjects.

ate told reporters before parding his aircraft that, after s talks with President Assad st night and today, there were very few " differences between e Iaraal and Syrian negotiatg positinns.

He said: "President Assad id I spant most of last night id all of today on o very cometa and painstaking review of I the aspects of a possible disgagement agreement between raal and Syria.

"Wa narrowed the points to a ry few and I am returning to rael to meat with the Israeli egntiatiog team tonight, to see

rapitiating team tonight, to see hat their view is about how less differences might he ceached."

Dr Kissinger said that Mr seeph Sisco, an Assistant Sectarry of State and Middle East spert, would return to Damasus to "bring these considerations to President Assad"

The visit of Mr Gromyko injected a new note in rigency and finality into the search for a settlement in the Golan front. In his talks Dr Kissinger was accompanied by two men charged with the task of drafting the "basic document"—Mr Carlyle Maw, the State Department legal adviser, and Mr Alfred Atherton, the technical specialist in the team.

Dr Kissinger had left behind

On his arrival later in Tel Aviv. Dr Kissinger, lnuking ired and grave, said that his mission could still succeed. "We will not know until tommraw what the final outcome is ", he

ings with Mrs Meir, the Prime Minister, and the Israel negotiating team. One official with Dr kissinger said that the issues temaining wera very tough

At Damascus airport Mr Gromyko's airliner taxied past Dr Kissinger's aircraft, which had been waiting for four bonrs hast its scheduled take-off time or Israel.

Issuager flew back to Israel to ight soon after Mr Gromyko, ie Soviet Foreign Minister, rived here to check up on the test state of the Middle East sace negotiations.

The American Secretary of attention and told reporters before the manifest of the ministers of the sound undependent of the ministers of the sound undependent of the ministers of the sound undependent of the ministers wisk, but diplomatic of his Cahioet, Mr Rabin, the minister's visk, but diplomatic of his Cahioet, Mr Rabin, t

negotations.—Reuter and UPI.
Paul Martin writes from Beirut:
As the minutes ticked away in
Damascus before the arrival of
Mr Gromyko, Dr Kissinger made
a determined effort in his secret
talks with President Assad to
crown bis mission with success.
It was the longest session he had
held with Syrian leaders in tha
four weeks of his peace mission.

Earlier he had twice been
scheduled to return to Jerusalem with a draft agreemant to be
initialled by the two sides in
preparation for expanded
Geneva peace talks. However,
late in the afternoon be plunged
into a third round with Presidaut Assad, which American
officials described as his last
stand. the Syrian view, as outlined in reports from Damascus, that the future ections of Palestinian guerrillas from Syrian territory are a matter for the guerrillas

Tha Israel Government has always insisted that Arab countries must take responsibility for guerrilla activity that is planned and carried out from their borders.

Overshadowing everything else is the problem of the future of the Golan Heights. Mr Moshe Dayan, the outgoing Israel Defence Minister, made clear in a recent broadcast that after disengagement it will not be possible, in his view, to reach any futther agreement with possible, in his view, to reach any further agreement with Syria. This means in effect that there, would be no additional territorial change, except hy military action. Although Mr Dayan may soon be mut of office, his opinion is widely thered.

Syrian leaders, however, are understood to be insisting that there must be a further commitment by Israel to withdraw from the Golan Heights, even if it is not included in the written part of the disengagement.

After Dr Kissinger flies nut tomorrow, Israel's politicians will return to domestic problems. Two more ministers, Mr Shlomn Hillel (Police) and Mr Aharon Uzzai (Posts), have joined Mr Abha Eban (Foreign Affairs) and Mr Pimbas Sapir (Finance) in refusing to serve in the new Government.

All four belong to the majority faction of the party, Mapai, which is meeting imight to ry to persuade them to change their minds.

If they remain firm, Mr Rabin

may carry nut his threat and reor Israel.

A large group representing be Soviet community presented for Gromyko with flowers as he nurn his mandate tomorrow to President Katzir. Mrs Meir's



Delegates to the tenth congress of the Yugoslav League of Communists greet President Titn and his wife.

Yugoslavia ready to defend its independence

Beigrade, May 27

In his report to the tenth congress of the Communist Party, which opened here this morning, President Tito declared that Yugoslavia would fight to defend its independence. In order to safeguard the country's independence the party must continue to close its ranks, he told mure than 1,000 delegates. The congress, ettended by 97 fureign delegations including Social Democrats, Socialists, Communications and representatives. Communists and representatives of non-aligned movements, is m

last four days.

The Yugoslav party, Marshal
Tito said, needs a strong,
dynamic and influential leadership, capable of assuring unity of action for the eotire party. The current effort to consolidate the party, he appeared to imply, can he successful only if

the political centre is organized in such a way as to provide the sort of leadership the country needs to preserve internal cohesion and to avert the conflicts which have surfaced in recent years.

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18th century, 11 inches

Tito's nldest and must trusted comrades in arms, who enjoy sufficient authority in their own republics but who are also able to represent federal authority which, in the past, had been divided on national and ideologi-

cal issues.
Yugoslavia's approach to relations with socialist countries was also mentioned in President Tim's report, with emphasis on equality, mutual respect and nun-interference in each other's internal affairs.

There was implicit criticism of Russia's insistence upon what President Tito described as President Tito described as dogmatic approach? an apparent rehuttal of Moscow's claim that only communist parties were truly progressive. The presence bere in representatives of Social Democratic parties underlined Yugoslavia's parties uoderimed Yugoslavia's attitude that socialism roday was developing in a variety of furms and that the communist parties did not have ao exclusive mnoopoly of it.

Today, the President noted, revolutimary struggles were conducted in many ways, and in this conexion he specifically

recent years.

In fact, the new party president consist of President Chinese revulution. He added

that conflicts between socialist countries were also possible, alluding, on doubt, to the Sino-Soviet conflict.
The Soviet-block countries, he

hinted, cannot streogthen their world position nor can they pro-mote socialism unless they base mote socialism unless they base their own mutuel relations on the principles of equality, respect and nun-interference. Any attempt to glurify ur tu "caounize" their own road to socialism was harmful, he said. So were attempts to impose on uthers their system because difnthers their system, hecause dif-ferences in the specific features m socialism were inevitable and

must he respected. This was the strongest ever restatement of the Yuguslav case in the presence of a Soviet Politburo member.

But President Tito went out of his way to give credit to the Soviet Union for its rule in the Second World War.

His references in non-alignment, which the President defined as being equally directed against imperialism and (Soviet) hegemony, were evidently also directed at the Soviet delegation. So were his words about the country's deter-

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occasion been exposed to pressure to rennunce nur policy or to change it ", the President said. "We have always been able to withstand such pressures because we were united and ready to defend our independence."

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"Let un ooe harbour vain hupes that Yuguslaria might change. Independent, socialist and non-aligned Yugoslavia hest serves, just as it is, the interests of peace and progress in the

Belgrade, May 27.—Mr Edward Kardelj, President Tito's closest aide, had hia pre-eminence again confirmed when

delegates acclaimed him chairman of the sessim.

In his speech, President Tito gave no hint of his thinking

gave no hint of his thinking about the leadership structure when he dies or retires.

The Presideot occasionally paused for a sip of water as he spoke from a prepared text. But he omitted reading about two thirds of it in a gesture to his dectors. At the less restriction. doctors. At the last party congress in 1969, his opening speech

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Mr Chou admits his health is not so good From David Bonavia

Peking, May 27

Peking, May 27
Mr Chou En-lai, the Prime
Minister, rold British reporters
today that his health was "not
so good as before". Arriving for
talks at the official guest house
with Mr Heath, he was asked
whether he thought he could
keep up his former level of
activity. "I shall have to change
my ways a hit", he said.

Mr Chou looked fixed as he

Mr Chou looked tired as he took over the talks which until then Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, the Deputy Prima Minister, had been conduction with Mr Heath. Tha meeting appeared to be the shortest that Mr Chuu bad had with an important foreign victor. with ao importam foreign visito

for some time.

Mr Heath's talks with Mr Teng Mr Heath's talks with Mr Teng today were onderstood to have cooceotrated oo hilateral issues. Mr Chnu said un meeting Mr Heath that he recalled having see a huge model of Concords at the British exhibition in Peking last year. This seemed to be a reminder that China still hoped to buy the aircraft despite its production difficulties; end its production difficulties, end Mr Heath replied : "I suggest you might increase your order

The Opposition leader this murning visited the French scientific and industrial exhibition which is being held in Pekiog oow. Before that be was taken on a carefully stagemanaged tour of Peking University, which concentrated mure no entertainment than on information.

At a farewell banquet tonight Mr Heath said that in his talks with Chinese leaders he and they with Chinese leaders he and they had "agreed together nn the need fur growing strength and unity in Europe". Replying, Mr Teng said Mr Heath's visit bad had "positive results". Ha added: "Wherever you went, you were welcomed by tha Chinese need e"

ese people."

After the hanguet Mr Heath and his party were taken on a tour of the various rooms of the Great Hall of the Peuple, corresoonding to different provinces of China, including Taiwan, The British visitors leave tomorrow for a tour of Shanghai, Sian

Pressure on Mr Nixon to obey five subpoenas

From Patrick Brogan Washington, May 27

The Supreme Court recon-reces tomorrow after the Memorial Day recess, and will hen have its first opportunity o involve itself in Watergate. Mr Leon Jaworski, the spe-ial Watergate prosecutor, last riday submitted a petition to he court for a writ of certiorari, skiog it to decide whether the resident was bound to obey a of South African Students. resident was bound to obey a ubpoeoa for 64 White House pes and related documents. he subpoena was approved arly last week by Judge Juhn irica, of the district court ere, and the President's lawers appealed to the district ourt of appeal. They will argue against the

pecial prosecutor's attempt to te Supreme Court, thus reinpreciog the widespread public appression that Mr Nixon's nief preoccupation these days to delay the many Watergate coceedings as long as possible. here are five groups of subnemas for documents and tapes itstanding against the Presi-ent and he is refusing to nour any of them.

One of the subpoenas which the President is refusing to the iey is from two of the defendants in the Ellsberg burglary the interest of the int r Charles Colson. They have emanded their personal papers om the White House, where tey worked at the time of the arglary, and Mr Nixon is re-Ising to deliver them.

Judge Gerhard Gesell, who is

the president's lawyer, Mr imes St Clair, to inform Mr ixnn that his refusal might ad to aborting the prosecuon: a case cannot go through
a defendant is denied mateal ha needs for his defence.
Ir St Clair is to tell Judge
esell no Thursday whether the
rasident will ohey tha sbpoena.

If he decides not to, that nuld amount to a decision by re executive not to prosecute in Ehrlichman and Mr Colson or their alleged part in arranging the burglary in Los Angeles of 1971 of the office of Dr Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist. That case, too, might go to he Supreme Court.

South Africa urged to release prisoners

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg, May 27

The leader of one of tha African homelands today urged African homelands today urged the South African Government to free political prisoners. Many had been imprisoned, he said, for striving for political and social changes which were now taking place.

Dr Cedric Phatudi, Chief Minister of Lebowa, was speaking at Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, at the start

(NUSAS) and students councils of English language universities for the freeing of pulitical prisoners and the lifting of ban

prisoners and the litting of ban ning orders.
According to the Institute of Race Relations in Johannesburg, 1,240 South Africans of all races have been restricted under law since the first banning orders were issued under the Suppression of Communism Acr in 1981.

Dr Phatudi said that since

Dr Phatudi said that since 19S1 some progress bod beeo made towards abolishing perty apartheid and achieving sports integration under tha "multi-national" label. There had heen a conscious attempt at closing the wage gap, and in education there was positive.

talk on ways of providing free, compulsory education for black children. He: said: "In these circum-

the: said: "In these circumstances one wonders whether there is still valid reason for fearing the release of democratically orientated political prisoners.

"A distinction must be made among the prisoners. There are

among the prisoners. There are those who are declared communists for whom there can be no real sympathy since their standpoint is totally opposed to ours and is, without doubt, very dangerous. On the other hand there ore those political prisoners who share our democratic soners who share our democratic view of life and therefore bold similar beliefs to ours."
The NUSAS campaign, which

is heing supported by the British Notional Union of Students, rests on the argument that all talk of a national dialogue on South Africa's future is meaningless while men such as Nelson Mandela and Robert Snbukwe Mandela and Robert Snbukwe are prevented from taking part in it. These people are still regarded as leaders by the African majority, the compaigners say. Mr Sobukwa has been restricted to Kimberley since heing released from Robhen Island prison in Table Bay, where most pultical prisoners are held. Mr

pulitical prisoners are held. Mr Mandela is still un Robben

Miss Lestor in Lusaka to discuss Rhodesia

Lusaka, May 27.—Miss Joan Lestur Under Secretary, Lestin. Under Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Office arrived here today for talks which include a review of talks which include a review of the Rhodesian situation in the light of developments in Portugal. She was met at the airport by Mr. Vernon Mwaanga, the Zambian Foreign Minister. Miss Lestor had flown in from Nairobi where she bad discussions with the Kenyan Government American Questime.

sions with the Kenyan Government. Answering questions at a press conference, she said aha wanted to talk to as many people as possibla in Zambia on the Rhodesian situation in the light of the changes in Portugal. She wished to review the whole Rhodesian situation.

Her reception contrasted sharply with that given to Sir Alec Douglas Home in January, when there were hostile demon-strations against Britain's hand-

S Africa barred from world postal meeting

Lausanne, May 27.—Delegates to the annual conference of the Universal Postal Uninn (UPU) today barred South Africa from taking part io its proceedings.

A proposal to this effect
by African states was approved
without opposition. South Africa
had not been represented at the
conference since it opened here
last week.

last week.

A spokesman for the UPU said the rules of the unim, the world's central mail administration, did not provide for an expulsion of any of its 151 members which belong to the United Natinos. He had no knowledge of any maminent attempt to change the union's constitution to provide for the expulsion of South Africa.

The cooference today also formally approved the admission to UPU of Guinea-Bissau (Portuguese Guinea) which was yoted to membership of the last week.

voted to membership of the organization last week.—Reuter. ling of the Rhodesian situation. —Reuter. Moscow opts out of Soviet celebration

foscow, May 27 ---The mystery surrounding the 50th anniversary of the foundog of the Academy of Sciences leepens. Early this year plans vere announced for a hig anniersary celehration to which eading world scientists would re invited, but the plans were ancelled suddenly and May 23, be appointed date, was just in ordinary working day in

When the provincial newspapers arrived, from 12 of the 5 capitals of republics, bower, they were full of glowing incounts of juhilee sessions of the called by the local academies to the called by the anniversary. Every ession was graced by the and local academies to the called by th rum the national academy.
Moscow is capital of the Rus-

sian Federation; the other two capitals in ignore the occa-sion were Kiev, in the Ukraine. and Kishnev, capital of the Muldavian Republic, where "the day of Bulgarian culture and the Slavic alphabet " was cele-hrated instead. May 23 was also passed over in silence in Leningrad, where the Imperial Academy of Sciences was founded io 1724 in what was then St Peters

burg.

The reasons given for cancelling (or postponing indefinitely) the Moscow observances was that it would conflict with the Supreme Soviat election campaign which makes beavy demands on the time and efforts of the officials and organizations who would be responsible tions who would be responsible for arranging the celebration and looking after the foreign

A more likely reason may have been concern that some of

the distinguished guests from the West might become involved with local dissidents, especially with those well-known Jewish sciantists who wish to go to Israel, but bave so far heen denied permission to emigrate.
They would be almost sure to
use the occasion of the presence
in Moscow of fellow scientists from ahrood to publicize thair plight. From the official stand-point all of this could result io controversy and discord that would mar the occasion and create an unfavourable image. A further factor may have been the illness of Dr Mstislav Keldysh, president of the national Academy. The fact that 12 of the republics went ahead with their plans could be explained by the absence from their celebrations of foreign visitors, but this does oot ex-plain why the Ukraine and Mol-davia were counted out.

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Fashion

by Prudence Glynn Football

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od week for flamingoes. they were, rosy and ng among the manicured gardens on the roof of used to be Derry and Toms 5 now Bibs in Kensington Street. The party to celethe recomming of this scene the reopening of this scene many a demure tryst, was ng too. Ir lasted for more 12 hours and was accomd hy a string quartet, a demolishing telephone ories and for younger is psychedelic lollies of a suitable for guiding light a nata the deck of an fit carrier. Lightly licked, stuck to the more precous outfits at the party ig an elegant snaily trail g an elegant snaily trail g-of-mutton sleeves and ied hottoms

mingoes too in the Amstel outside Amsterdam. This outside Amsterdam. This on was a presentation of wear by members of the astional Fashion Council, as accompanied by swarms ages, derisive whoops from earby 200, a lot of purposeien going to and fro who or may not have been parties show, and the Amster. ie show, and the Amsterpolice Band. This latter
priewed calmly the opencene of the show, in which
emen in top bats took off
thing except their underbut theo Amsterdam is a
al city. I was prepared al city. I was nervons that night he in for the first on streak. I may begin with some cou-

ons, what emerged from the was that at mass market the shape of the suit just is single-breasted, with slightly curved lapels, topned, the jacket only just ring the behind and fitted two very deep vents which feature of fashion, not a at the necessity to accom-ate the African posterior, b is why West Indian men's ring is similarly sliced up. other point to notice is the of the three piece suit. acoats, in a matching cloth cut with deep, sharp front ts were shown with all the s fashionable outfits. As you see from the Cojana design rian Godbold on this page look like moving into enswear too.

cause I think that fashion mirror of life I was ested to see how distinctive work of the different counwas, distinctive even in its to say something about the that country was thinking.
yself have the impression a good many countries are cing more nationally than nationally, though when in Khan, a prominent manurer from New York, made same observation at lunch said that a gloomy America reflected in solla (all one) r shirts io place of perky s, some of the guests felt he ioo Council side down.

ridentally, Mr Khan also that the tie manufacturers oerica face disaster because result of the shortage of o activate the air conditionlot of restaurants are now tting guests tieless. This account for the fact that in bow the thing I remember clearly about the Americau ibution was that the ties simply buge, not kipper id but huge at knor and alike. I had imagined that were a useful method of ot realized that they were a or help.

to illustrate the nationali the clothes: New Zealand suggest a simple, agriculnation whose tailoring allow for the sheep-ers' biceps. A little old ned, a cross between a b suit and a country swain's or cut, larger. Coulident cold, these are the clothes ig country with due defer-

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I thought this suit by Brian Godbold, of Cojana, had a suitably Byronic look for the week in which the exhibition devoted to the poet opens at the Victoria and Albert Museum. It was photographed in Byron's Albany chambers by kind permission of Mr John Addey, who manages the sound of revelry by night and to be a finish'd gentleman from top to Sassoon.

Black veivs blazer, issued with maiching waistoost, veliest black and white check trousers and white crape blouse with the neck, by Cojana. Sizes 10-16. Prices: Blazer ST3, weistocat C35.50, trousers £49.50, blouse £21.50 Sample to be seen and ordered from Harrods, or garments available from August.



Alan Paina's cream and honey checked sweaters.



The valvet three-piece suit.

life of the big cities. I thought their unlined jackets in bright checked, heautiful wools were very good. America as I have said showed huge ties and a somewhat effete selection of soit colours, including powder blue and dust pink. The impression was the apposite of warsion was the opposite of war-like: they looked more like conscientions objectors than demobbed GIa. South Africa on the other

hand, with its soaring gold prices, produced really cosmopolitan clothes in high fashion materials. I particularly liked the suits, two and three piece, in speckled velvet, the shirt prints of a dark background and e fine check or small print in primary colours. Holland has

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a good feel for leisure clothes and for the texture of fabrics, Sweden seems to have passed me by in spite of my new Byronic resolution to be wax to receive and marble to retain Finland has a rather austere Finland has a rather austere style and a colouring sense very much as you would expect, all forest greens and bare earth browns, though they are quite outward looking to judge by their overcoats, which were made of cotton corduroy and thus hardly suitable for the Russian. snows. The police band played Sihelius for this scene, without so far as one could judge undermining the masculinity of any of the models.

any of the models.

Germany looks back to Italiau high fashion of two years ago (1 did say that this is the mass marker husiness! with well-made smart suits and the fashionable blouson. This last was described, I think, by the commentator, as a "prison suit" commentator, as a "prison suit" which seemed something of a gaffe among the charming and hospitable Dutch whose hospitality was so hrutally abused by these particular guests. I was very pleased with our English contingent, shirts from Carring ton Viyella and very high style, well coloured knitwest from my hosts, Alan Paine of Godalming. I thought our representatives

I thought our representatives excellently combined oative talent with a grasp of mass market needs. Italy surprised me by showing Prince of Wales and glen checks when we all know, do we not, that Dooegal is the in thing, but the combination of colours and the wirty single motif prints on the shirts looked trend set-ting. I could oot decide whether the material of Spaio's entry was described as reposable or disposable, but the short sleeved leisure jacket with sleeves cut raglan rather than inset looked a little parochial.
Belgium has a sharp eye on both
England and Italy for style and a neat editorial hand, but the real surprise was Turkey. This country, which last year hough £10m worth of fashion manufacturing machinery from Britain is the new resource.

you have to send your own

work force for two years to get really going, but that this is the new country for fashion, economical efficienr and en thusiastic, and what is more the economic angle is not founded on cheap hand labour. In the past Ireland, which offers sub-staurial financial incentives to firms plus a honus for training has been a considerable source of clothing production, but there is a certain disenchantment to he found to. Amsterdam with that country. Not only do the Turks pro-vide a resource for other

nations, they have some powerful vertical companies such as Altinvildiz Beymen of Istanbul. which under the command of Galashiels trained Mr Kerimol. bas helped to make clothing Turkey's top export-Well at least we provided the machinery.



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Athletics

England in good heart despite loss of Nish

From Geoffrey Green Football Correspondent Leipzig, May 27

With lose or draw England's cinse season Continental tour at least began with a langh here today, Joe Mercer, the caretaker manager, by mistake acquired the subcase of Billy Wright, oow a television mogul, and made off with it to bis hutal room—two former Laptains of England nobbling each other in the penalty area. That led to some mirth and hanter, qualities which for a blessed change, had been in evidence from the moment we all foregalidered at London Airport this morning.

foregathered at London Airport this morning.

With Nils (Derby County) an overnight casualty—he was taken to bosuital overnight for observation of an abdominal complaint—and Bunter (Leeds United) also mother absence, he will have a reinforcement later in Peters—the last of the 1966 World Cup party—who will join the company in Sofia next Thursday or Friday after Tottenham Hotspur's Lefa Cup final the against Feyesoord in Resterdam.

With Nish and Madeley (Leeds United) absent this means that

With Nish and Madeley (Leeds United) absent this means that Hughes will sorely play in all three matches against Fast Germany. Bulgaria and Yueoslavia as he is the one right back on parade. With him the only other experienced offernetionals in the party are Shilton. Bell and Channon with Peters yet to come. Surrivors with this ton. Bell and Channon with Peters yet to come. Surrivors with this small group from lost year's summer tour of Poland, Soviet Union and Italy are Clemente. Macdonald and Keegan, while making their first foreign trip for England are Lindsay. McKenzie, Mills Weller, Worthington and Booth.

Within a courte of hours of are red incre the players are out flexing their muscles and tomorrow will underso a cheole of training stints before Mr Merter announces his ream—probably the one that

stints before Mr Mercer announces his team—probably the one that played against Argentina last week—to face an East German side that may prove one of the dark borses of the World Cup.

A fine run of 11 successive virtories behind them should be a warning to the rest of the field Based on three club teams—FC Magdeburg, the recent winners of the European Cup Winners' Cup. Droamo Dreaden, and Lokomotiv, Leipzig—they have set their mindand hodies to the job and when they do that the rest have to sit up and take notice.

The fact time England trere here in 1963 they won 2—1—Sir Alf Ramsey's first overseas tour. It was then that Gordon Banks and Roger Hout established themselves in a team that went on with one or two adjustments to become world

to a team that went on with one or two adjustments to become world champions. Is there a signpost here to the 1978 World Cup in Argen-tina?

World discus record Prague, May 22.—Faina Melnik, of the Soviet Union, set a new world record in the women's discus event today with a 69.20 metre throw in a Prague versus Moscow meeting.—AP.

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S. C. Holling (Yurksbire) is first over the water jump at the start of the 3,000 metres steeple chase. Behind him are D. Camp (nn 11) and J. Bicnurt (no 14). Bicourt won in 8min 36.8sec.

Thompson in team without even trying

By Cliff Temple As the inter-countes athletics championships at Cristal Palace yesterdey were closing, almost submerged by the higher standard of the guest competitors and more attractive invitation events which padded out the programme, the main talking point revolved eround an athlete not even competing, lan

an athlete not even competing, lan Thompson.

The British Amateur Athletics Board announced during the afternoon that Thompson, the Commonwealth marathon winner in January and the world's most exciting performer at the crent, with his unsurpassed nortice brilliance, had been selected for Britain's team for the European championships in Rome next September.

The selection, recommended to the board by the two principal national coaches, comes less than a formight before the officially designated trial, the AAA and Polytechnic marathon in Windsor, and will doubtless cause some mumbling among the leading contenders

Yesterday's results at Crystal Palace

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for one of the two places in Britain's team remaining after Thompson's selection.

But, as one of those coaches, Denis Watts, pninted nut, the situation and the athlete involved were exceptional. If Thompson were forced to run the trial, his race in Rome would be his fifth maration in a little over 10 months, an intolerable number for any athlete of the class of Thompson, the world's secund fastest runner over the classic distance.

Thompson had yesterday with drawn from the \$,600 metres to save his strength for the trial he will not now need to run, and the mist interesting distance running came from David Black, the Commonwealth 10,000 metres runner up, who sliced over three seconds of this hest time to win the mile final in 4min 0.2sec. Having qualification of the fastesi losers, Black showed his superior streogth with a burst over the final 120 yards after James Douglas had set a time of \$8.7sec

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Polish rider sprints in ahead of Swede

The first success in the Milk Race cycle tour of Britalo yesterday went to Poland, on the first stage of the 103 miles from Brighton to Swiodoo. Andrzej Kaczmarek sprinted in just abead of four other tiders to take the stage victory and the overall lead. stage victory and the overall lead.

Bernt Johansson, of Sweden, was second. And Van den Hoek (Netherlands) third, and e Norweglan, Arne Klevenes, and West German Wilhelm Stoger, filled the next two places. All of them broke away, with six miles to go, and fimshed 30 seconds ahead of the main field.

main field.

The main incident of the vace came after about 75 miles when a horse took fright, threw its rider and rushed into the main pack of cyclists. The police ouriders and officials managed to steer the animal away after a few minutes of chaos, during which, remarkably, oo one crashed.

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Earlier a Swedish rider. Tord Filipsson, had broken away stone but was caught and then Michael Bennett, of the British A team also went off for a short solo effort.

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partnership. "It's all very excli-ing", sold Miss Saunders, a univer-sity graduate. "I think I must be the first womao outside America to be taken on as a full club pro-

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Moloney returns to Lions team after injury

Port Elizabeth, May 27.-John Moloney, the British Lions scrum half. who dislocated his left shoulder in the first match of the tour, returns to the team to play Southwestern Districts at Massel Bay on Wednesday. So does the booker, Kennedy, who stood down from the side that played Eastern Province last Saturday because of a back strain.

strain. There are nine changes altogether, which seem part of a
management plan in try out s wide
range of combinations of players
early in the tour. The prop forward, Burton, and the flank forward, Mckinney, who both played
their first game against Eastern
Province, are included again. The
full back, Irvine, win played some
time rughy against Eastern Prorince but showed a distinct dislike
of too high ball, also gets another
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of toc high ball, also gets another chance.

McBride and Ralston will play together at lock for the first time on tour. In the hack row Slattery and Davies, who both played outsrandingly well last Saturday, respecar.

IEAM: A. R. Irvine; T. O. Grace, R. A. Millikeo, G. W. Evans, J. J. Williams; A. G. B. Did, J. J. Moloney; F. E. Conton, K. W. Kennedy, M. A. Burton, W. J. McBride (captain), C. W. Ralston, S. A. McKinney, T. M. Davies, J. F. Sisttery.

Dr Danie Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board. Is to investigate incidents which marred the Lions' match and a game involving a French club side last Saturday. Punching, kicking and wrestling took place in the match between the Lions and Eastern Province at Port Elizabeth. and a match between the French side and Eastern Transval in Springs had to be abandoned because of fighting among the players. Dr Craven said today that the

Dr Craven said today that the board were awaring full reports on both incidents. "We will, of course, go into the matter". Dr Cvaven said. "This aort of thing must be eradicated."

Bennett, the Welsh stand-off balf, is the leading scorer for the Lions after four matches. He has played in only two games but has run np 39 points, all with his boot. Did (stand-off) and Edwards (scrum balf) come next with 16 points each. points each.

points each.

Bennett scored three peoalty goals and seven conversions against Western Transvaal and four penalties and two conversions against Eastern Province. His 23 points in the Western Transvaal game equalled the Lions' record for a march in South Africa. This was set by the full back, Hiller, who kicked five penalties, two dropped goals and one conversion for the 1968 Lions against Border.—Reuter.

Yachting

Musto still a force in Flying Dutchman class way in a failing breeze, but cam

By John Nicholls Keith Musto, the winner of the Olympic silver medal in the Flying Dutchman class in 1968, proved he is still a force to be reckoned with by winning his class event to the international regatta at Whitstable gerierday. He beat Keith Paul, another veteran of the class, by one point to the best three out a four-

Music came into the reckoning by wioning the final race yester-day, until then he had been trailing in third place with Psul and Douglas Bishop sharing the overnight lead. Bishop spoiled his chances by a poor result (eightlt) in the first race pour result (cighth) in the first race resterds; and only partly recovered by talting a fourth place in the second. The first race was won by lan McCormick, sailing Bishop's old hoat Thumper. He led at the first mark from Musto, whose second place was his best result so far in the regatta. The wind during this race was the strongest of the day, but veered during the first round which spolled the subsequent windward legs. ward legs. Since the Firing Dutchmen were

using the regatta as a nualifying event for the class world champion ship in a few weeks' time, a quick conference between the helmsmen after the finish of the race resulted to a majority decision to hold another immediately. It got under to a satisfactory conclusion with Musto overtaking Paul to take first place on the final round. Starting times for all classes

were delayed, and the Flying Dutchmen were the only class to bave two races and were out on the water for mine hours altogether. The number of starters was down on Sunday's total, Merlin-Rocket owners, in particular, deciding that there were better things to do on a bot Bank holiday than drifting around in the Thames Estuary and only three boats went to the starting line. One of them retired somewhere

along the shortened course and Sidney Porter led home his remaining rival. The Fireballs were the most Dumerous class and as usual enjoyed a close race. Edward Thompson, in Kraken, made the best start and managed to beat John Oswald's Rocking Horse to the finishing line by a few seconds.

FIVING OUTCHMAN, Third race, 1, homper U. McCormicki. 2, Ladviller (K. alustoti. 3, Manageric (K. Pault, Fourth Sc. 1, Ladviller, Schmagzic. 3, Poopel, ander U. Trinetto, O cenii. 1, Ladviller, opts. 2, Schmoozic. Sc. 13, Chamal 75a.

Bucket Hill survive late pressure

By Aodrew Porter

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Bucket, Hill (received 34) beat Pimms 6]-6 in a quarter final of the Queen's Cup at the Guard's Polo Club resterday. This was the best same seen so far in the tournament.

Gotzalez and Tanoira, the opposing Argentice number threes, were recent arrivals by air and it took them some time to become acclimatived. In the final periods they began to show some brilliance, Meanwhile Fergusou had borne the brunt of Pimms both in attack and defence; he scored the first goal, hit a heautiful 60-yard penalty, and was sure ou his backhanders. Beresford, for Bucket Hill, also stepped into the breach and, covering Tanoira in defence, went off himself to score a splendid goal from a long speculative sbot.

As the star players took over the play the others benefited from their perfectly placed passes. Palumbo hir two first rate goals and is a steadily improving number one, mounted on fast ponies. Pimms were pressing all the time and Brecknock scored off a long pass from Fergusou. Gonzalez was now yetting geared up and bit two goals in the fourth period and another in the vital last chukka.

But Bucket Hill were never shaken, and, after Pimms had thrown everything luto the attack in the final moments of the game and failed, there was no doubt that Bucket Rell thoroughly deserved the party of the strack of the strack of the strack of the sure party of the sure of the sur

their victory.

3U'Kri Hill. P. G. Palumbo 12, No. 1: Lord Pairick Reperiord 44, No. 2: 3. Tuelor 64, No. 1: Lord Vester 44, back.

51: M.S. Lord Brecknock 65, No. 1: 2.

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COWDRAY PARK: Smith Rylm Condray Park 9, San Flamingo 4 Cup: Fint mund Jersey Lillies 7, smrt (rec 2) 5 1.

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Asif's strokes flow as Kent put themselves in strong position

Ev John Woodcock

Cricket Correspondent THE OVAL: Surrey, with seven second innings wickets in hand, are 30 runs behind Kent. Kent should win their first

championship victory of the season at The Oval today—over Surrey, who beve yet to be bearen. Yesterwho bere yet to be bearen. Yesterday they gained a first innings lead
of 117 before taking the wickets
of Edwards, Owen-Thomas and
Edrich in Surrey's second innings.
Surrey bad to make do without
Arnold's bowling—he withdrew
with a damaged back after only
two overs—and Kent without Julien's. In the erent Surrey missed Arnold more than Kent missed

Julien.

Opening Kent's bowling In Julien's place, Shepherd bad Edwards dropped twice at slip, off successive balls, in his first over, by Asif and Jobnson of all people, two I would be glad to have catching for my life.

But baving made 30 out of 35 as though be thought this must be his day, Edwards booked e long bop straight to long leg. When Owen Thomas was at once picked up at

Thomas was at once picked up at sbort leg, off a firm stroke, Edrich dug himself in for the night. That was the Idea, anyway, and it was working all right when, with 10 minutes to go, Rowe was brought

un.

Rowe was playing only because Cowdrey has something the matter with his hand. He is 22, an old boy of King's, Canterbory, who captained the English Schools' side at Lord's and went to India with them. Under cover of a beard he bad run well in the field and batted confidently, if not for long. His first ball—he is an off spinner—was bitched ourside the leg stump. was pitched outside the leg stump, and Edrich, swinging at it, miscued off the edge or back of the bat to slip. But for that, it would be no better than even money on a win for Kent.

The real treat of the day was an imings of 80 by Asif, For an bour and a balf his strokes flowed, as they do only for the fortunate few. they do only for the fortunate fewNo one suffered more than
Intikhab, Asif's Test captain. No
matter where be 'placed his long
off or deep extra cover, Asif out
the ball beyond their reach. His
footwork was more like ballroom
dancing. In half an bour be raced
past Luckhurst, who had been in
for an bour and a balf longer: but
Asif put ideas into Luckhurst's
head, and Luckhorst bad made
some good drives of his own when,
in the second over of the afternoon,
he was bowled trying another.

If the day lacked a little glamour
after Asif had hit a long bop to
cover point, it was aiways interesting. It was like being at the zoo,
whenever the ball went anywhere
near Roope at sbort extra cover.

Sussex by 216 runs.

The balance shifted considerably

The balance shitted consideraby in this march yesterday, and it may well be that the martlet who, with justification bad preened its feathers on Saturday night will be put to flight today. This was in

Featherstone and Brearley were

chiefly the reasons wby. Feather-stone must be complimented for seeing his chance on a good pitch, and before a good holiday crowd, by today's standards anyway. He

MIDDLESEX: First Implags, 139 (47.2 pers) 11. A. Suow 4 for 30. A. W. Greig

Second Innings

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Glamorgan v Leicester

GLAMORGAN: First Innings, 233 for 1100 overs) (A. L. Jones 55, D. A. Francis 2 at out, J. W. Solanky 717.

Second Innings

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—11], 3—14, 4—159, 5—194,

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Britenshawe, run our

in their favour by the close.

Scorecard



Luckhurst driving during his innings of 61 for Kent yesterday.

Total (3 witts)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—35, 2-38, 3-74

Total (97.5 overs)
LL OF WICKETS: 1—4.
4—175, 5—210, 6—219,

Shuttleworth takes seven wickets

By Peter West .

HEADINGLEY: Lancashire lead Yorkshire by 107 runs, with scorn second innings wickets in hand.

Leadbeater and Shuttleworth took the early bonours in the Roses took the early bonours in the Roses match yesterday, one making 92 not out, the highest score of his first-class career, and the other, with a rousing piece of fast bowling on an unhelpful pitch, taking seven wickets for 61. Then, at the day's end, when Lancashire batted again, their captain, Lloyd, in less than eight overs, hit a six and five fours in a cameo of an intings of 35 that proclaimed his rich form and confidence.

It was as well for Yorkshire that Leadbeater filled the breach,

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that Leadbeater filled the breach, for they bad subsided from 81 for one to 115 for eight. He could not have done so however, without the sensible Support of Cope, who belped him add 80 for the next wicket.

The early batting of Boycott and Sharpe, comfortable if not authoritative, provided little hint of the difficulties that Shurleworth would pose with his fire and his excellent line in a second spell from the Kirkstall Lane end. Sharpe promptly played over a near-yorker, then Shurleworth produced a beauty for Boycott that whipped back between bat and pad; an unfriendly ball for a batsman badly needing a good score.

Shutrleworth now accorded a warm reception for Squires, who booked a bouncer directly to Lever at long leg, who took a fine catch with both feet inside the boundary line—to meet the requirements of the law—before overbalancing backwards across it. Lever rightly claimed a catch and was boosed for his pains by the adjecent crowd.

When Old was bowled on the back foot, by a ball that kept indecently low, Shuttleworth had taken all five wickets for 33. He taken all five wickets for 33. He bad a hand in the next one, too, catching a sweep from Bairstow off Simmons. Then, when Hutton had succambed to a faster ball from Simmons, Carrick was bowled, shouldering arms, by Shottleworth.

Leadbeater has always looked e calm, well organized batşman, if not the most active or alert of runners between wickets. It was his leg side play that took the eye here. Bot it is a surprise that, although be made his first appearance 10 years ago and was capped

although be made his first appearance 10 years ago and was capped in 1969, be has yet m score a first class century.

Shuttleworth had Cope legbefore, pushing forward to the first ball after tea, but, although Yorkshire had a bonus of one extra over oo the first innings, Leadbester missed the century after barning for three hours and 40 minutes.

Lancasidire were 54 for one when

Lloyd fell to a diving carch by Sharpe et slip. Snellgrove, no slugguard either, was leg before to Nicholson, who soon had Filling offering another carch to Sharpe Lancashire crowded on sufficient sall to indicate ideas of a positive result today. There should be result today. There shou some turn for the spinners.

Stan Smith: one of four Americans to come through to the securound of the Italian open championships.

before Kuki crumbles Rome, May 27.—Stan Smith com-fortably beat Jun Kuki of Japan 7—5, 7—5 today in the first round of the Italian open terms cham-

Smith made to struggle

nament, broke Kuld's service in the seventh and eleventh games to take the first set: 7—5. The agile Japanese, one of the eight qualifying round winners, came back strongly in the second set, breaking Smith's service in the second and fifth games. However, after leading 5—1, be crumbled. Smith won the next six games, helped by a succession of winning backhand volleys at the next after driving Kuld to the baseline.

Smith was one of four American

volleys at the net, after driving Kuld to the baseline.

Smith was one of four American men who came through the first round of the singles. The others were Tom Gorman, the 11th seed, and the unseeded Erik van Dillen and Charles Pasarell. Gorman beat his countryman, Harold Solomon, 6—4, 3—6, 6—2, and Pasarell beat another American, Paul Gerken, 6—2, 2—6, 6—3. Van Dillen overcame an attack of food poisoning to beat the Soviet Union's Vladimir Korotkov, 7—6, 7—6.

Italy's leading tennis player, Adriano-Panatta, who was fined a nominal £40 after walking out of the British hard court championships at Bournemouth last week, is likely to be at the centre of another dispute involving the International Lawn Tennis Federation, the ruling body of the Sport.

The -Federation is 10 ask the

The Federation is to ask the Italians why they started their championships yesterday, a day earlier than scheduled, when Panatta lost his opening match to the Egyptian, Ismail El Shafei.

Basil Reay, secretary of the *The Italians did not have our E. S. Wilkens (Vouchail Fireman, 14 E. S. (79,29 mph; 2. O. Marshall (Vouchail Fireman); 3, R. Bell (Vouchail Fireman); 5, R. Bell (Vouchail Fireman); 6, R

only a week ago, they w specifically warned that they co not take players away from en ships or the German championsh in Hamburg till those events i been concluded.

ILTF will recognize those mate which have been played in Ro but only if they were by mnt consent of the players concerner

Motor racing

Irish girl misses five chances for victory

Susan Minford, from Belfast, went down under pressure to a 21-year-old. Californian, Kate Latham, 3-6, 9-8, 8-6 after serving for viciory five times in the first round of the Surrey grass court tennis championships, sponsored by Rothmans, at Surbiton yesterday.

Three times in the twelfth game of the final set of the three nour march Miss Minford failed when she had match pobut. At the end Miss Minford blamed her own anxiety for losing.

Miss Minford displayed an inability to play under pressure, when leading 6-3; 4-0 she seemed bome and dried, but crumpled as Miss Latham began to play with greater determination. Although she served for the match at 5-4 and again at 7-6 she never looked confident enough to complete victory.

After sweeping to 5-1 in the final set Miss Minford again became tense and all the important points went to the Californian, Again Miss Minford served for victory at 5-1 and 5-3, and a fifth the final set Miss Minford again became tense and all the important points went to the Californian, Again Miss Minford served for victory at 5-1 and 5-3, and a fifth the final set Miss Minford again became tense and all the important points went to the Californian. Again Miss Minford served for victory at 5-1 and 5-3, and a fifth the final set Miss Minford served for victory at 5-1 and 5-3, and a fifth the final set Miss Minford served for victory at 5-1 and 5-3, and a fifth the final set Miss Minford served for victory at 5-1 and 5-3, and a fifth the final set Miss Minford served for victory at 5-1 and 5-3, and a fifth the final set Miss Minford served for victory at 5-1 and 5-3, and a fifth the final set Miss Minford served for victory at 5-1 and 5-3, and a fifth the final set Miss Minford served for victory at 5-1 and 5-3, and a fifth the final set Miss Minford served for victory at 5-1 and 5-3, and a fifth the final set Miss Minford served for victory at 5-1 and 5-3, and a fifth the final set Miss Minford served for victory at 5-1 and 5-3, and a fifth the final set Miss Minford served for victory at

Miss Wade seeded second HANDICAP in French championships

Paris, May 27.—Ilie Nastase will be the top seed in the men's singles at the French tensis championships starting here next week. Nastase bas been placed ahead of Jan Kodes, of Czechoslovakia, the American, Arthur Ashe, and Bjorn Borg, of Sweden.

The women's top seed will be the American Christine Evert with Britain's number one, Birginia Wade, seeded second. The seeding list placed players equal third. If the men's singles and equal third and fifth in the women's event. Their final places will be designated by lot on Wednesday when the draws for the championships are made.

MEN'S SINGLES: 1, L Nastase

(Romania) 2, J. Kodes (Czech allovakia) 3, A. Ashe (US B. Borg (Sweden); equal 3, A. Ashe (US B. Borg (Sweden); sequal 3, A. Ashe (US B. Borg (US), S. Smith (U6) equal 7, A. Merevell (USSR A. Panatta (Raky; equal 9, A. Panatta (Raky; equal 10, A. Panatta (Raky; equal 9, A. Panatta (Raky; equal 10, A. Panatta

Boxing

Buenos Aires, May 27.—Carios Monzon, of Argentina, the bolder of the World Bording Association (WBA) version of the world-middleweight title, was quoted here today as saying he planned two more bonts before retiring.

by beating Benny Briscoe of the United States.

Monzon, who lives at Santa Fe, said he expected to meet Australian, Tony Mundine, in Buenos. Aires in Angust and would then arrange a comest abroad. He did not say if he would defend his title against Mundine.

The WRC stripped Monzon of

Bugner defends his title in Denmark

Copenhagen, Msy 27.—For it first time n European heavyweig boxing championship will be before Dermark when Joa Bugner Britain defends his title against the Ballan Mario Baruzzi here on M

55 or ms 59 contests. Baruzz ar has never been on his back for s. Fill count and has only be beaten twice in 36 profession contests of which be has won by a knockour. Agence France Presse.

Balance favours Gloucestershire

BRISTOL: Somerset, with four second innings wickets in hand, are 114 runs ahead of Gloucestershire.

second trungs the detail in that, the second trungs are defined and the swing Cloucestershire's way in the last bour, with Somerset losing unnecessary wickets. The pitch is still playing securely, if slowly, and Somerset recovery is not impossible, but they did themselves unch damage in that last hour. This bas been a balanced match so far, the weight tilting one way and then the other but the pitch still playing so securely that the result will probably depend on a declaration. It was another warm and sunny day, with a larger crowd than this match, tradinonal to the spring boliday, has drawn at Bristol for some years. Partly, this was no doubt because of the happy accident of the television strike, and partly, I dare say, the spin-off from the excitements of the Player League match between the same sides on Sunday.

It was seven points each on the lost in larger comes.

League match between the same sides on Sunday.

It was seven points each on the first innings. On Saturday Somerset scored 254 in 76.1 overs, and Gloncestershire lost four wickets for 104 in 42 overs. Cloucestershire ultimately managed a first innings lead of 22, batting to the one bundred and fifth over. For this they had largely (I think that would be the word) to thank Shepberd. A year or two ago Shepherd, by request, slimmed himself e bit, though it did not seem to improve his play much. The comforting folds are reappearing round his middle, but his brawny forearms still give the ball a fierce punch, and his equable ruddy Bideford face still confronts any situation with screnity.

Old Gloucestershipe hands com-

lery, and Shepherd, in due time, will also have his niche. In spite of Cloucestershire's fragile situation, be let his bat go at the ball whenever be saw a fair chance. Ha reached his 50 with two bold, lofted boundaries in the same over from Moseley, and also gave some punishment to Jones, who was Somerset's most dangerous bowler. He reached his 100, scored out of 170 while be was in, when the total was 250, in the ninety-first over. He was leg-before to Richards, tempted unduly by an outfield invitingly left open.

Of the other Gloucestershire batsmen, Zaheer played some attractive strokes, and Dunstan, a young man from Redruth, worked hard for his 19. With Shepherd from Devon and Dunstan from Cornwall, it was n good day for the West Country. The West Country, I should explain, does not begin until yon reach Tamton. This may surprise some Londoners, but is a good deal more logical than their own view, that civilization ends at the Marble Arch.

When Somerset went in again, close was caught at backward short leg off Procter, the score 19, and the second wicker fell at SS. Now we bad Denning and Richards together, both in form. The rest of the Somerset batting, with respect to Parks, is no better than all right. One of these two surely had to play an innings, if Somerset were to command the rerms of the last day. At 87 Denning played rather casually at Knight, and was caught at cover. I have seen him get out in this way before: his concentration failers.

Two runs later, Ricbards, more surpristugly, played on to Mortimore. At 10 nast siz, when Burgess

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Old Gloucesterstilre bands compare him with Dipper, a beloved.
high-scoring, though not always
agile, figure in the county's galmore, not a good stroke. In

Mortimore's next over, Burgess did the same thing. Both batsmen banged the ground with their bats in remorse, and there were not wanting Somerset supporters who suggested other unconventional uses to which the bats might have been pur.

Nor was that the end of Somer-set's troubles, for Taylor ducked into a short ball from Proctor which, as it happened, did not bounce, and had to be helped from the field. The light by now was poor, and it was not a worthy hall for Proctor to bowl at a nightwatch-man; but he is a man governed by impulse rather than consequence. impoise rather than consequence, and I suppose would be n lesser cricketer if he were not. SOMERSET: First Innings, 254 CV. A. Richards 102, H. Breakwell 59.

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B. Cless. c. Brown, b. Procter
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L. J. S. Taylor, rtd. hurt
T. Bodham, not out
Spirus (b. 10, 1-b. 6)

their first tour victory.

Jameson hit his fourth first class

century of the season at Birmingham to take Warwickshire from the

brink of defeat to establish a lead of 169 with five wickers in hand. He lost Amiss without score at six but went on to bat for 225 minutes for his 128, hitting 17 fours.

Jameson and Kallicharran added 92 and, partnered by Kanhai (60), the third stand realized 134 in 105

Indianapolis, May 27.—David Hobbs, of Britain, the only foreign driver in the Indianapolis 500 motor motor race, took fifth place here yesterday in an event mussually free of accidents. For the first time in recent years there were no serious crashes and an American, John Rutherford, was able to enjoy a trouble-free drive to victory at an everage speed of 158.6 mph.—Reuter.

Finns ban goalminder

Helsinki, May 27.—The Finnish ice bockey federation today banned the national goalminder. Stig Wetzell, from international competition for a year for using drugs

during last month's world cham-plonships here. Routine blood tests after Finland defeated Czecho-slovakia S-0 in the first round of the tournament showed Wetzell to have taken a banned stimulant, ephedrine.—Reuter.

Hobbs fifth at

Indianapolis

Richards gets 225 in Hampshire's win close, giving the Indians hopes of

came a dramatic collapse. Nash, coming on for a second spell of left

arm spin, captured four wickets for 10 runs in nine overs and Leicestershire's last six bassmen fell for 15 runs and Leicestershire were all out fur 198.

Hampshire yesterday moved to the top of the county table after their victory in two days over Nottinghamshire by an innings and 101 runs at Nottingham. An unbeaten 225 from the opening battinan, Richards—the best individual score of the season—provided the foundation for Hampshire's win. Nottinghamshire trailed by 246 and careless batting led to another collapse. Hermon took four for 34 as the home side were dismissed in three and a half bours for 145. The Derbyshire opening battiman, Hill, battled through the last two bours and a quarter at Worcester to reach 48 not out and countered Worcestershire's ideas of an easy victory after declaring at 424 for course.

an easy victory after declaring at 424 for seven. But Derbyshire, trailing by 283, still lost four wickets—two of them in the last five minutes—in taking 111 from five minutes—in taking 111 from the deficit.

Worcestershire's big total finished with a flourish of 135 in 25 overs after lunch, with D'Olivera making 84 including two sixes and 13 fours in 105 minutes.

Holder also hit two dyes taking

sixes and 13 fours in 105 minutes.

Holder also hit two sixes, taking 24 off the last over from Swarbrook, who had escaped the worst of the early punishment from Turner (83), Headley (82) and Hemsley (57). The first pair shared a stand of 166 before Turner retired burt after being struck on the wrist by a ball from Hendrick, who bowled well m claim three for 82 in 33 overs.

Glamorgan ended up well after a fluctuating day's play against Leicestershire, at Cardiff. With five wickets in band they led by 249 runs at the close. A fourth wicket partnership of 116 in 83 minutes between McVicker (64) and Balderstone (58) put Leicestershire in

fell for 15 runs and Leicestershire were all out fur 198.

Glamorgan, 35 in the lead, claimed four bowling points against Leicester's one for batting, but lost Alaa Jones before be had scored. Davis and Majid Khan combined in a second wicket stand which produced 111 runs in 103 minutes. Davis hit six fours and Khan seven. Lewis also hatted well to hit two sixes and three fours in his 42.

Sudhir Naik, the 29-year-old Bombay batsman, took five hours 10 minutes to reach the sixth century of his career against Essex, at Chelmsford. Naik was apparently without bope of a Test place before yesterday, playing only seven innings with a top score of 22, but he grafted to his first 50 in 230 minutes while his colleagues fell by the wayside.

When Lal arrived, Naik became more adventurous and needed only 90 minutes more to reach three figures—only the fourth Indian hatsman to achieve the feat on mur. Naik's partnarship with Lal gathered 130 in 152 minutes and pulled the Indians round from the serious position of 133 for six to be able to declare at 281 for seven in reply to 278. Only once before in their 10 matches have the Indians led oo first innings.

Earlier Wadekar struck a dazzling 57 in a stand of 75 with Naik that Earlier Wadekar struck a dazzling 57 in a stand of 75 with Naik that threatened m give the touring side control until East removed the Indian captain. In 35 minutes batting Essex lost Edmeades and East and were mine for two at the Essex v Indians

Notts v Hampshire AT NOTTINGHAM
Hampshire (18 pts) beat Nottings
by ac innings and 101 runs.

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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First landings.
Oct. N. S. Taylor 5 for 254.

Second Innings.

R. A. White, C. Stephenson, b. Herman.
P. A. Tool, c. Ieste, b. Roberts.
D. W. Randall, c. Roberts, b. Sainsbury.
O. S. Sobers, C. Sainsbury, b. Herman.
M. J. Smedley, b. Sainsbury.
B. Hassen, b. Herman.
P. D. Bond, c. Stephenson, b. Herman.
H. C. Lattchman, 1-b-w, b. Taylor.
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T. J. A. Pollan, b. Sainsbury.

Externs 10 f. w. 2, n. 0.

Umpires: C. S. Efficit and D. G. L. Evans.

Today's cricket

10 or 6.0). DS: Ministlesex v Sursex (11.0 to 5.30 SECOND XI COMPETITION

Hendrick replaces injured Arnold

Michael Hendrick the Derby-shire fast bowler, who failed to win a place in any of the five Test matches while on tour in the West matches while on tour in the West Indies last winter, is in the England team to meet The Rest in the Test trial starting at Worcester tomorrow. He replaces Geoffrey Arnold, who retired with a pulled muscle after bowling two overs for Surrey against Kent at the Oval yesterday.

Oxford v Free Foresters AT OXFORD
Oxford University drew with the Free

525 (Immo Khan 165, A. H., Earler B. Second Innings)
E. G. Docwm, l.-b.w., b Barker N. K. Howick, b Watson ... Revisite G. W. Wuller, c Bryan, b Kentlake G. W. Wuller, c Bryan, b Kentlake C. N. R., Prentier, l.-b.w., b Barker H. W. Jarrett, not out ... P. B. Fisher, c Williams b Kerslake M. J. O. Stellibrass, b Bryan, L. H. Fundon, l-b.w, b Resilishe K. Slytter, l-b.w., b Bryan, J. Whilwooth, c Groves, b Bryan, L. Whilwooth, c Groves, b Bryan, Extrus (b J. l-b I, s-b I).

Monzon plans two bouts before retiring

He stated, however, that neither of them would be against Rodrigo Valdez, of Colombia, who on Saturday won the World Bouring. Council (WBC) version of the title by beating Benny Briscoe of the United States.

title against Mundine:
The WEC stripped Monzon of his title last mouth and named Valdez and Briscoe at leading contenders: for the vacant fitte.

Retter.



He made some marvellous saves, besides bowling as well as I have scen him howl. With Arnold off the field Roope and Storey both bowled more than they otherwise would have done.

First ont was Denness, bowled by a nasty ball from Jackman, which had the fielders looking to see where it had pitched. With Asif and Luckhurst than adding 122 the morning brought 146 runs in 135 minutes. In three-quarters of an hour after luncheon Surrey came right back into it by getting Luckburst. Woolmer and Knott for 44 runs. They should bave had Ealham as well, caught at deep square leg off Pocock, Kent still had Julien to come (a bruised heel did not prevent his batting) so that the missing of Ealbam probably made less difference than it seemed to do at the time.

In spike of being hit for two stress and a four in one over by Ealham, Pocock bowled well, Intikhab bad one of his less successful days, Jackman another good one. For sheer wholebearted effort Jackman stood out, even in a team of triers. Between bim and Hend-

Featherstone tips scales Middlesex way

one and 72 runs had been added when Smith drove over a ball from Spencer and was bowled, In the early part of his innings Featherstone, and Smith, too, had struggled a little against the bowl-

second innings wicks:s in hand, lead innings with Smith at a quarter to

travelled up from Sussex.

They could sympathize with the bowlers, for there bad been little in the pitch for them, but Sussex's fielding bad been far from perfect. But they could appland the batting of Featherstone and Brearley. By the time Featherstone was out we had seen the crispness of his stroke play bring him most of the 18 boundaries in a stay of 210 minutes. He and Brearley bad put on 164 for the second wicket in 140 minutes.

he bad a six and six fours.

Sussex, who had put out Middlesex for 119 runs in 47.2 overs on Saturday, had begun with a lead of 43 with five wickets standing and ample overs, 73 in fact still available. Sussex's hatsmen, of whom only Faber remained of the first six, soon seemed to be in some sort of quandary not knowing whether to go out after the bowling or lie and wait patiently looking for the bad ball. Sussex had their minds made up for them by Titmus and Edmonds, and finding themselves caught up in a tightly spun web. Sussex struggled in value to free themselves.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—53, 2—66, 2-

put to flight today. This was in struggled a fittle against the bowing rid themselves of Sussex's last fire stone was firmly entrenched by the tatsmen for 44 runs in 39 overs at 206 and happily injected a little life into a dull morning, Middlesex came again and, with a resounding display of batsmanship, the pendulum bad swung very much in their favour by the close.

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Brierley's 50 followed smartly upon the heels of Featherstone's hundred, and although he drew away from the spotlight after tea, making only three runs in 55 minutes, for the most part his had been an engaging innings in which he had a six and six fours.

After an hour and a half it was all over. Titmus had begun Sussex's slide when Mansell, aiming to sweep, fell log before in the morning's fifth over. Faber's and

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings, 141 (50.4 for its.)

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innius

Umpires : A. E. Face and A. E. O. Rhodes.

Worcester v Derbyshire Warwick v Northants

Total (92 overst 24 Umpires: H. D. Bird and H. Horton-



Norman Featherstone, whn saw his chance on a good pitch.

Snow's immediate task was to score the 27 runs needed to secure bonus point. In the 100th over they still required four runs and with two balls of Titmus's over left, Faber's sweep put him into the same boat with Mansell. The time was ripe for a telling blowone that would see the thing off— and who better to deliver it than J. Spencer, a bowler, but one who is known to fancy the batsman's

is known to fancy the batsman's role.
Yet, Waller appeared and studiously played Titmus's last ball back to the bowler. So, that was the battle for bonus points settled: Sussex S, Middlesex 3. Titmus then hit the batsman's pads for the third time and Waller was gone. When Titmus bowled Spencer be could boast rather impressive figures of 17.2—10—17—4, and the pendulum had already begun to swing.

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†H. L. Murray, c Cook, b Cottam
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Extras (b f. 1-b 2, w 1, p-b 3)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—6, 2—98, 3— 232, 4—239, 5—C32

Second XI competition HOVE: Middlesex, 211 for 7 dec (Barlow 68, Butcher 56); Sussex II, 199 for 5 (Parsons 10) not out. **Minor Counties**

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-9, N.DIANS: First lumings M. Getaskar, nun out. D. Softar, e. Hardie, b. Acfield S. Naik. c. Earne, b. Acfield S. Naik. c. Earne, b. Acfield J. Wadekar, b. East. J. Wadekar, b. East. Acfield M. Engacet, c. and b. East. Abid. Ali, run out. J. Abid. Ali, run out. J. A. S. Prasuma, out. out. Extras ib 2, 1-b 8, 4-b 4).



HAIGLAND Scottish Wonder romps home at 3.30: Don't be vague. Win with Haig. Haig Highness at 7.30.

Piggott confirms Mississipian ride

Jester Piggott confirmed at San-wn Park yesterday that he had epted the ride on Mississipian in Derby. It is doubtful if Bill

The print is doubtful if Bill pris's reaction to losing the ride tald he printable. Piggott will be ing to equal Fred Archer's ord of winning 21 classic races this country when he teams up in Mississipian.

h Mississipian.

Adbrokes, when they heard the sales, trimmed Mississipian's price a fraction. Piggott's engagement to ride the colt had been on cards since Apalachee's withwal last Friday. Ladbrokes ante at book now reads: 11-4 Gialbetti. 3-1 Nonoalco. 9-2 Mississipin, 10-1 Northern Taste, 16-1 Pitter.

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r. dirihiul Fürt, owned and hred van Cotsem's mother-in-law, s J. P. Mills, won the Am levn Stakes, which has been won the past hy anch aristocratic in-idnals as Humble Duty and rereign. Mirthful Flirt is likely take her chance in the Queen my Stakes at Royal Ascot, but ether or not she will beat "that y of Harry Wragg's", as van 15cm pul lt, is dehatable. He was erring, of course, to Silky, the erring, of course, to Silky, the linsky filly who heat her in such le at Newmarket.



Rascolnik (centre) wins the Yellow Pages Whitsun Cup from Averof (right) at Sandown Park

With Pat Eddery winning the Richmond Handicap on the dour stayer, Royal Aura, both Piggott and Carson are still 10 adrift of him in the jockeys' table. Carson nearly won the Bear handicap on Fair Brecze, but this time he had to give hest to Taylor on Court Clown, after they had a great tussle.

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Taylor had already won the
Temple Stakes on Bay Express, a
really handsome colt by Polyfoto.

As I mentioned earlier, Noble Mark
spoilt whatever chance she had of
heating him by starting slowly. Bay
Express, on the other hand, was
into his rhytim and away in a flash.
His connexions are now hoping that
he will win the Kings Stand Stakes
at Royal Ascot. By winning yesterday's prize Bay Express certainly
put himself in line for top sprinting
honomrs this season, but I am not
convinced that he is a champion.
His time, though, was good, only
fractionally outside the course

record, which reflects the fast state of the ground at Sandown.
Ragstone, an improving stayer by Ragusa, should win the Herry II Stakes there today, the race that one of his rivals thia afternoon, Hornet, won two years ago. Ragstone was originally estmarked for the Vsux Gold Tankard, run at Redcar yesterday, but plans were altered after he had won the Aston Park stakes so convincingly at

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The ease with which Razstone beat Levanstell cannot be overstressed. He was still pulling Ron Hutchinson's arms out of their sockets passing the winning post. having cruised nonchalantly past King Levanstell a furlong earlier. King Levanstell is the lynch pin in the argument that Ragstone ought to heat Thomas Jefferson and Sunyboy this afternoon. They finished second and sixth respectively in the Paradise Stakes at Ascot.

Sunyhoy was disappointing there.

hnt he is meeting Thnmas Jefferson on 15 lb hetter terms this time. Last year both Hornet and Thomas Jefferson were trained by George Todd and it would be faccinating to know which of the two their late and great trainer whuld be backing this afternoon.

Royal Ascot

the Bacal Handicap to hear Sixfiveseven by two lengths and a half.
Cheng, who arrived from Hongkong nn Thursday, rode Track Minstrel at work last weekend and told the owner, Maurice Oakley, that he would win here. This five year-old now goes for the 28.000 Royal Hunt Cup on June 19. A 4th penalty lifts him to 7st 3th but reduces the danger of being eliminated. Cheng will have the ride.

Patrick Kelleher also rode a winner on his first appearanca at Chepstow when Bard Fighter lived up to his name in the Ladbroke Bristol Dragonara Handleap. He got the better of High Award by a heed after a tight battle over the lest two furlongs. Helmsdale, eighth in the 1.060 Gaineas, paid poor tribute to the classic form hy trailing in last of the six runners. Hard Fighter's target at Royal Ascot is the Jersev Stakes. Royal Prerogative, from the same stable, who also carries the Holliday colours, is a probable runner for the Queen Anne Stakes.

Understudy, 5 to 2 on, led all the way in the £2.300 Lutine Bell Stakes and held off bis only rival. Mellsma, by threequarters of a length, har tha form probably did not flatter him as Peter Walvyn's assistant, Mark Smyly, explained: "He is a lazy horse and does not do a lot in front." Understudy has a choice of ergagements at Royal Ascot.

Richard Hannon, whose greatest

Although Lester Piggott said st Sandown Park vesterday that he will ride Mississipian in the Derby, the horse's trainer, Manrice Zilber, said last evening that Bill Pyers remains his stable jockey, writes Pierre Gnillot. Zilber said that as far as he la concerned, if Mississipian runs at Epsom, he will be ridden hy Pyers, unless Mr Hunt gives orders to the contrary.

Zilber said he was still trying to reach Mr Hunt in Dallast to discovered Mr Hunt in Dallast

Four winners Avon Valley's speed with a potent factor By Jun Snow Northern Racing Correspondent The weeful steering hardinance hereof sho

Four winners at Chepstow yesterdunderstudy and Divine King have important engagements at Royal Ascot next month.

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Cootfrey Baxter, rider of Petty, Officer, had his reward half an hour later when he got Nevermore home by a short head from Roman Warrior in the Norseman Lager Handicap, Riding a skilful race, he found and seized an opening at a crucial stage when his prospects did not look so good.

Yesterdar's programme at Redicar, with the Vanx Gold Tankard, the Zetland Gold Cup, and the Norseman Lager Handicap, was designed as an attraction for holiday makers. So it was, with plemy of fine racing among good class horses, but the second day inevitably slumps sharply in quality. Although there is a £1,500 sprim handicap, the rotal prize money this afternoon does not come to that anded to the Vaux Gold Tankard. But the policy at Redcar Is right in laying on nothing but the hest on the hooiest day of the year.

Bill Watx's good sprinting filly. Mayday Melody, makes her season's first appearance in the Northern Sprint. She won twice as a two-year-old in 1972 and twice at Ayr and Newcastle last year;

but in defeat she put up several high-class performances and proved herself shout the best filly of her age over fire and six furlongs in the north. This has earnt her 10 st. and gives 15 lb to Barry Hills's Aton Valley and 25 lb to Ken Payne's Alarm Call.

These two horses have won tecently at York and Hamilton Park, but, from his handicap mark of 8 st 13 lh, and on his lour-length defeat of Trillium at York, Aron Valley may he just too fast for Mayday Melody. Rustic River, fourth at York to Son of Ragusa hut less than a length away, appeals most la the Wilton Plate for two-year-olds, and Assel and Rock Signal may achieve a double fur Middleham in the Kirchentham Welter Plate and Lowther Handicap.

Asset came in fur some heavy late support at Catterick Bridge carly this morth when he was third to the useful Floor Show. He should improve on that encoaraging running. Rock Signal, consistent hut often a little unlucky, is probably running over his host distance of seven furlongs. We was fourth over six furlongs in his last race at Ayr under 9 st 5 lb and now has 6 lh less to carry.

At Leicester Douglas Smith, whose Superior Sam was an unplaced favourite yesierday in the Zetland Gold Cup at Redear, has good ride for a hoy, in the Saffron Handicap for apprentices and Cedar Grove in the Forest Handicap.

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2.45 ORAYCOTT HURDLE (Handlasp)

3.19 : USTONETER SIGNPLECHASC : 16442 : 2':m'

Matinee slips but still wins Zetland Handicap

performance of the day when narrowly minning the Zetland Handicap at Doncaster yesterdar. The slipped, but Frank Dury brought her through with a well-timed run to win by half a length from Polly Peachom. The favourite, Roman Way, fireshed out of the first six.

This was the first winner of the season for the Normatket trainer, Jack Cleaton, who said: "It is a relief. We have been troubled by a virw. We have been troubled by a virw. We have he finite plans for Matince, but the is likely to run next in the Finth Decamer Stakes at Ascot."

Greville Starkey achieved a good double on Wishing Stone and Red Dania. Wishing Stone started 7 to 4 favourite for the Durham Handicap and easily justified the support with a four lengths who over First Breat. The trainer, Hugh Williams, said Wishing Stone would probably run in the Jersey Stakes.

Starter because its double on Red

Starkey began his double on Red Jawn in the Rotchill Stakes, bringing Peter Malin's horse home a length abead of Dincale Lad. Makin did his best to keep Red Dawn at the subsequent auction but the horse was sold to Mr. N. Giman, of London, for 1,750

Red Dawn will now join Coin Crossley, who was responsible for the biggest surprise of the alternoon when he indeled Hunting Tower to win the jor Childs Handled, Goorge Mullin, riding only his second winner, took Hunting Tower into a long feed, but approaching the straight, the galding dropped buck (eddenly, Chevaire then went on, but Illulien got Hunting Tower running well again and, after leading entering the final furlong, they strade away the win by five lengths.

There was a cle c figish to the

the Lioness Filies Stake. They disjuted the lead throughout with the II-8 favourite Queery getting the better of life rival in the closing stages to ria by a length and a half.

George Duffield, who partocred Queery. Completed a double on Rosy Rainbow in the Anstey sching landicap. Three furlougs from home, Rosy Rainbow struck the front.

So win by five lengths.

There was a cle c finish to the stand lander Stakes when Figgin Hill held off All Hallows by a short bead, with lifes Opproy only a neck fighther behind. Venisonom, the farounite was outpassed in the straight and finished only fifth.

Another favourite via outpassed in the Vener Halder Rayon the Wester in Mader Pure Honey was cought the grant front.

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O CHEQUERS FILLIES STAKES (3-y-o: By Our Racing Correspondent 2.0 Wind River. 2.30 Blackbird. 3.0 RAGSTONE is specially recommended. 3.30 Santa's Sister. 4.0 Top 13. Recovery R. Houghton, 8-13..., L. Pasont Security. 4.30 The Dunce.

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MADEMOISELLE STAKES (£446 : 14m)

) ALVESTON PLATE (3-y-o maidens : £207 : 13

CLIFTON HANDICAP (3-y-0 : £466 : 6f)

) THORNEURY HANDICAP (£458: 11m) Chepstow selections

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5-4 Perfect Night, 5-2 Holy Terror, 4-1 Clovara, 6-1 So Wild,
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4.0 FILTON HANDICAP (£433 : 14m)

Redcar programme

2.0 SKELTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £447 : 1m)

3.0 NORTHERN HANDICAP (£1,242 : 5f1

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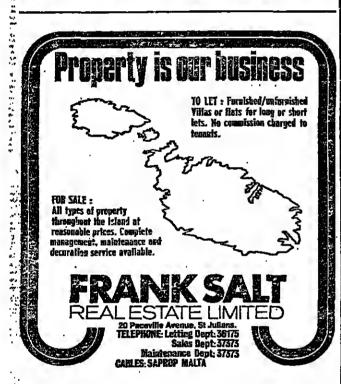
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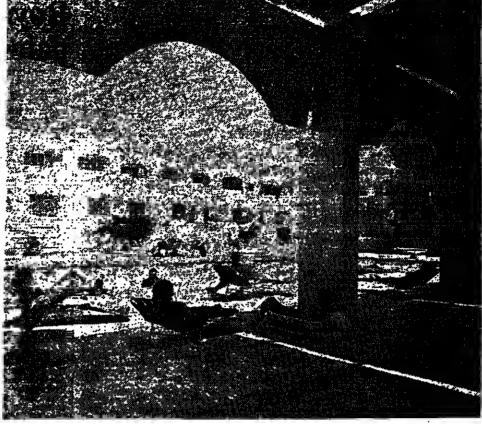
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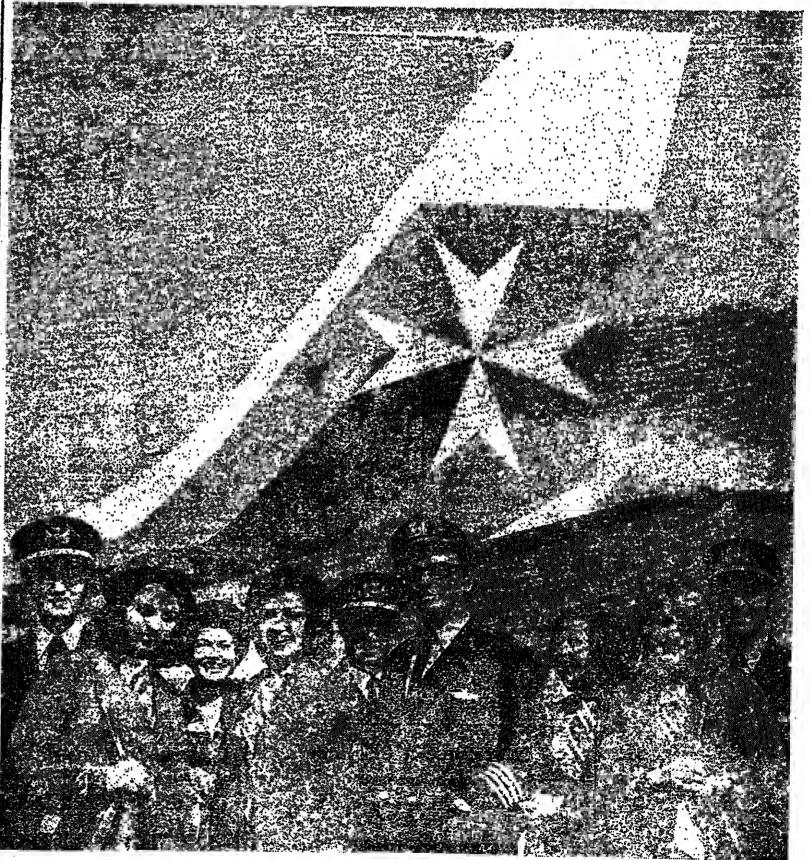
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herter io those old days," groacad a fellow-veteran as we stumbled back into the sunlight, escaping from the fifth or sixth cinamatic disaster of that day; and we recalled the years of Viridiana and The Birds and The Cranes are Flying and Marty and Pather Panchali, when movie history seemed to he written here in Capnes. But to take the most optimistic view, it may be not so much that there are no good movies any more; hut that it's that much hardar to find the needles in a higgar haystack. In the old days wa saw two films a day, no more than a couple of dozen in the coursa of the whole event. With something like 400 or 500 pictures on view, it stands to reason that one is going to see a good deal more of the worst films in the world as well as

the best. The sheer size of Cannes is nowadays appalling. This vast number of films is made up of tha 26 films in competition; nine in the Semaine de la Critique (inaugurated in 1962, as an early reaction to the inevitable commercialism of the inevitable commercialism of the festival proper); two dozen more in the Quinzaine des Realisateurs, the counter-festival which resulted from the 1968 revolution; mora still in a new event called "Perspectives dn Cinema Français". The balance is mostly made up of trade and press shows promoted by distributors from every country in the world. the world.

Theo there are the people: ducers expensively promoting themselves and their works with cocktails, luncheons, photo-calls and smiles; hundreds upon hundreds of journalists pursuing, according to their taste and calling, stars or art or porno; and the business men in thousands, wheeling, dealing, huying and selling. The producers and pro-moters rarely actually see films, but sit endlessly on the beaches and terrasses, roasting to nasty russet hues as they desperately lap up other people's opinions, sniff the air for the scent of success, endeavour to discern the fashions for the next season, and exchange wild fantasies about co-productions that even they can oever really believe in ("How about this guy Res-nais to do a musical set in a concentration camp with Diana Ross if we can't get Streisand? With Jack Nicholson, of course.") It's bard to helieve that out of all this silliness quite a lot of future film ideas

Anyone trying to predict the fashion future from this great Spring Collection would have been hard put to it this year. The tatters of yesterday's modes were more in evidence. The main French entry, Michel Drach's Violons de Bal is a Drach's Violons de Bal is a The Flower of the Thousand bitter-sweet (but much too and One Nights is perhaps the sweet and smooth) antobio most successful film of the trigraphical reminiscence of a

NPO/Frühbeck de

One of Ernest Newman's wilder

pipe-dreams was that criticism of musical performance might one day he placed on some sci-entific basis. If he had had his

wish, I suppose review copy would be even more wearisome and fatuous than it actually is.

But just occasionally it seems possible to establish a causal

connexion hetween a good per-formance and the printed score,

or a bad performance and the cooductor's failure to do what the score asks him to. On Sunday Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos conducted Dvorak's

G major symphony. It was a drab performance, not well played by the New Philharmonia. But the real trouble undoubtedly lay with the cooductions of the production of the produ

tor and his seemingly cavalier and irrational disregard of

and irrational disregard of Dvorak's most unequivocal tempo markings.

This is a tiresome subject, but crucial. The first movement Frühbeck played so slowly (Dvorak wants Allegro con hrio) that he found himself compelled to make an unaryed and shupt acceleration.

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Grand Prix winner at Cannes: The Conversation

1939-40. It is all cutely framed Nepal, it has often the visual as a serias of flashbacks from the present-day Drach's efforts to sell the idea of his film to fat producers who tell him that a Jewish story without sex or corpses is no go.

The Italian competitors showed the older and middle generation the older and middle generation in a state of artistic imposse. In Delitto d'Amore, the story of a doomed love affair hetween a Milanese worker and a Sicilian girl who diaa from industrial sickness, Luigi Comercini curiously combines ecological concern, the tics of late neorealism, and the extravagant sentimentality of his Misunderstood. He remains a director stood. He remains a director peculiarly appreciative of actors; and the film has the firm centre of fine performances by Giuliano Gemma, who has been most often seen in spaghetti westerns and spectacles, and Stefania Sandrelli.

Pier Paolo Pasolini says that The Flower of the Thousand and One Nights concludes his trilogy of ancient story-cycles, follow-ing Decameron and The Canter-bury Tales—which is a mercy, since Pasolini, of all directors, seems the least able to comprebend the nature of a story. The misfiring of each one of Cbaocer's tales marked Pasolini clearly as the sort of man who invariably misses the point of a

logy. Shot in North and South lewish childhood in France in Yemen. Persia, Entrea and dissolving

but worse, be doubled the speed

to arrive at the main Allegro tempo, where Dvorak asks for quite a small increase. At the

reprise of the variation thema we had a different tempo again, and when, after an incidental

slow-down, Dyorak explicitly marks "Tempo I", Frühheck slipped into yet another gear, with no sensa of return to anything heard before.

If the result sounded hap-

bazard and lethargic, tha New-manite might well say: "No wooder." Nohody wants per-formance straitjacketed by the

limited range of instructions used by composers in the nine-

to respood.

Frühbeck had at least no tima
to indulge whims in Malcolm
Williamson's third piano concerto, which kept cooductor and

orchestra at full stretch—not to mention the pianist, Williamson himself, in dashing if not ruth-lessly exact form. This is a

hig, ambitious and occasionally grandiloquent work, a character-istic mélange of naughty mod-

ernism and naughty traditional-ism. If its juicy traes arrive disarmingly on schedule, they are et least good tunes, in a vein Williamson has sioce tapped dry hut which was still fresh in the

early sixties. Whether the music's energy justifies its pre-

tensions is an open question.

the violinist, Itzhak Perlman, and the ohoist, Neil Black, also belped to bring Bach forward

to the nineteenth century. As the full house liked it very

much that way, why should the style be gainsaid? Besides, the

slow movements of the concer-

tos, the one in A minor for vio-

lin, the other in C minor for both instruments (that from

the double concerto turns up

more often than any other piece, I think, as a Desert Island disc oo the radio), were

stroked with such affection, such purity of line and tone that

adverse criticism on stylistic

In the quicker movements, taken at a fair lick by Barenboim,

ensemble could sometimes be

faulted but not the fleetness of

the solo playing. Indeed, Perl-man made light even of the awkward runs in the A minor's

fioale, passages that in lesser

bands can sound distinctly un-comfortable. In the double con-

certo the interplay hetween the

soloists, even though they were oddly placed oo either side of

the conductor, was an added delight.

Excerpts from Schubert's

Rosamunde passed by rather anonymously; not so his second symphony, where the halance hetween youthful vigour and Viennese charm in the work itself was matched in the interior Baranholm again

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drove a bard bargain with com-

poser and players in the outer movements, their opara huffa

mood often turning towards something much more drametic.

grounds was swiftly silenced.

surprise and magnificence of his Oedipus Rex. Choosing to use native non-professional actors, dubbed with improbable Italian voices. Pasolini fails to hring off his hrave attempt to capture the timelessness of an ancient world for whose tolerance and faith in Destiny he nostalgically yearns. It just seems, a lot of the time, an awfully long film; too much ruled, dramaturgically, by the

problem of how most rapidly to disrobe the next actor. Among the best things in the festival's second week were two hlack comedies, hoth first-feature films (so perhaps history is still getting written here aftar all). Le Trio Infernal is directed by English and the second and the second second and the second second and the second secon by Francis Girod and written by him in collaboration with Jacques Rouffio. Based on the real-life crimes of Maître Sarret, who was guillotined in April, 1934-(protesting, the while, with a lawyer's formality: "I am the victim of a very grave error"), it tells how the lawyer and his accomplices—two German sisters—coolly cheat and kill to collect together a small fortune

The nuspering portraval of these monsters seems like a continuation of La Grande Bouffe (which also had the incomparable Michel Piccoli in the main role). Murder is shown not

in insurance money.

sulphuric acid and then ladling the resulting stew into huckets for disposal in the garden. (The neighbours protest mildly at the smell.)

"I place three monsters in a and watch them. Every now and then I throw a victim into the jar and see how he is devoured. My three monsters cannot manage their third victim—she is 'indigestible'." There is a deeply moral sense about the film, both in the disgust and the derision, artfully believed which it evitacts from balanced, which it extracts from the picture of crime. Apart-from Piccoli, Romy Schneider, liberated from her habitual sugar-sweet image to join this odious trio, reveals quite new aspects to her talent.

The Cars that Ate Paris is the first film by Peter Weir, and breaks clean away from the self-congratulatory smugness which characterizes most previous feature films from Austra-lia. The Paris of the title is not Paris, France, but a singularly repellent little backwoods town of asbestos hungalows, dust roads, decaying auto-mobiles and the corrugated tin Victory Hall.

The inhabitants, it gradually tinuation of La Grande Bouffe tirns out, are twentieth-century parable Michel Piccoli in the main role). Murder is shown not main role). Murder is shown not with the autiseptic abstraction of vehicles of any value (spare a Hitchcock thriller, but in all its parts are currency in Paris). Any unhappy survivors of the blood and holed flesh. The crashes are seen to by the local centrepiece has the morderers doctor, who damages their dissolving their victims in hrains irreparably, so as to pro-

David Robinson

duce mindless pets affection energy known by the Parisians a their "Veggies". All the tim the town council keeps up th poker-faced appearance o proper civic dignity.

Working in the best, crisp E picture style, Weir brillianti huilds up the creeping horro of the horror-comic, to the point where the cars themselve revolt. He has built up a man rellous acting ensemble, led b John Meillon, a comedian wh has the comic instinct and pri cision of an Arthur Lowe or Le McKern, as the mayor.

Pervasive horror is to method too of The Conversation method too of the Compensation Francis Ford Coppola's fir. film as director since The Gon father. The film was in far scripted long before The Gon father, between 1966 and 196 which makes all the mon remarkable the eerie relevant to the Watergate era. The her is (in the unselfconscious Amer can use of the word) a profesional bugger, who finds the machinery of eavesdroppio wire tapping and spying grad ally entangling him, until I finally destroys every object. his bome in a wild attempt; find a way out of the inescapab surveillance that has bee turned back on him. Coppo smothers the audience in the bero's own mounting anxiet with repetitions, mysteries, the machinery.

There were other rewards, and out of the festival, to e courage the bope that neith the cinema nor Cannes is qui yet on its last legs. Hear and Minds, directed by Per Davis, who made The Sellir of the Pentagon, is the be Vietnam compilation history date, with long interviews with Daniel Ellsberg; and such ill Daniel Elisberg; and such ill minaring jurtapositions as sho of hroken mourning Vic namese at mass graves set against General Westmorland hiand assurances that il Oriental does not value life Americans do. From Franc Philippe Condroyer's La cour à 10 france is a hitter and toucing news item about a voui ing news item about a your whose revolt against his exployer's insistence that he tri his long hair starts him off t a chain of discovery about it nature of society, whose eve tual and inevitable end suicide. If était une fois da PEst is another wild and fetci ing first film, by the enforterrible of the Canadian theatr-André Brassard, and based o characters from the plays of Michel Tremblay. "Thes characters belong to one of tw worlds: The Family (those wb worlds: The Family (those wb bave not yet escaped) and The Club (those wbo believe the 'have). The story of a dreadfu old girl who bas won a milliontrading stamps, only to bave them piliered by her friends, i alternated with tales of the hopes and disasters of the people who circulate around transitic calaret.

The daring of the solo violinist

Here we are associated with all and third sonatas with Eric of opportunities at different these masterpieces, and every Fenby (they have already retime we go out on that platform, we have to dare", is bow Ralph Holmes sees the situation of the selo violinist in relation to his repertory. He bas just come back from touring in East Europe. with the Royal Philharmonic. He played at five concerts, and the works he had in his travelling bag were the Max Bruch in G minor, Bartok No 1 and tha Britten. He will be playing the first two with the same orchestra at the Festival Hall tonight.

teenth century. But there is something peculiarly unnerving in a cooductor treating romanticism as a carte blanche for his own whim, and something pleasing in the music's failure Holmes does not restrict himself to two or threa concertos a year. "I like, and feel I need, the contrast of a variad repertory. For instance, there's a great joy in returning to a Mozart concerto after playing, say, tha Bruch or the Tchaikovsky. The pleasure of attempting the one style after the other is heightened and vice-versa."

He is always keen to examine his own performances. "Ar the end, I wooder why I enjoyed cer-tain things why others failed. I don't work too precisely or analytically, but I like to feel that over the years there has been a gradual development and matur-ing of my interpretations, a kind of forging abead. At other times, I may feel, that a reading has I may feel that a reading has gone off the rails, and then I just bave to have a radical re-think."

manner, ranging jocularly over old glass, paintings and books as easily as over the violin reper-

ent manifestations of the same, thing for me. Anything artistic seems to me to have the same end io view. As with Strad varnish, there are certain examples of things, conturies old, of qualities, textures, achievements which even now one is trying to emulate.*

Holmes, who can lay claim these days to he our leading home-grown violinist, talks in a Derek Nimmo-like accent and tory, obviously taking a delight in life.
"You could say they're differ-ent manifestations of the same.

In his working life Holmes achieves variety through his solo and chamber music work.

I see be will play Delius's first put it? I've been given plenty

Festival on June 10, and two years ago he formed the Ralph Holmes Plano Trio with two younger and greatly talented musicians, the pianist Anthony Goldstone and the cellist Moray Welsh. With chamber music, there's this tremendous refining progress going on all the time, and there's a great satisfaction in producing a kind of unity that grows out of the associa-tion with two other artists whom you respect. That comes: needless to say, out of a great deal of argument and some times disagreement.

"Then the repertoire is so smashing, works like the Schubert B flat, the Brahms C minor, the Beethoven Ghost, and the Ravel. Wa did-bang, bang-WOZKS."

His solo appearances still outnumber his chamber ones. But what we're doing is to try to arrange that during certain periods of the year we shall regularly come together as e trio. Wa also combine in concertos. We played the Beethoven Triple at the Proms last summer, and Moray and I will play the Brahms Double at Liverpool in December.

is directing from the violin. Next month I'm doing several programmes with the London Mozart Players. This will be the first time Pll have done whole programmes with orchestra Brandenburg 3, the Bach E major concerto; and Vivaldi'a The Seasons. It should be fun, but I don't see myself doing a Marriner, because I want to keep the hig works in my repertory."

Was he worried that British soloists are not always purtured as they should be by our own

times in my career, but there have also been times when there has been a hiatus in dates, where I've looked around for any pos-sible excuse as to why I wasn't wanted: But, by and large, we have got to prove ourselves against the strongest world competition in London, and I wouldn't want special treatment just becanse I'm an Englishmao. I did my first Prom when I was 18, and I've found the progres steady since then, although there have been plateaux. That, in a kind of way, has stimulated me to self-questioning. Was the fault in me, or in my employers ?

"I had a time of terrific excitement when I was in my teens and at the Academy. Then I went in the Army. After that those four masterpieces at our first two concerts, lunch-time at Smith Square. We could hardly I soon found my level. I made have chosen more 'pinnacular' in London with the my debut in London with the RPO in 1951, and just 25 year: to the day in 1976, Ill play with the orchestra again, at the Fair field Halls."

His American debut cam eight years ago in Carnegie Hall and he appeared at the sam-time in Boston. Recently he ha heen in Belgium, where h played the Britten, which he ha last summer, and Moray and I come to love more and more. O the recent tour, he played the Liverpool in December."

Another new venture for him is directing from the violin. The doing several also find in other British columns. certos, the Elgar, Delius an Walton."

He still practises diligentl "But I'm finding that " method of study is changing It less now like charging straig at it than deciding to son extent what I'm going to c heforehand in my head. There neforehand in my head. There more singing to myself before I pur bow to string than their used to be, because the mechnism itself is more precise if function. And you must be ab to pace yourself and look at work from afar, as a whole

Alan Blyt

Mauricio Kagel Mermaid Theatre

Paul Griffiths:

It is a pity that Mauricio Kagel. tha Argentine-German composer, visits Britain so seldom with his Cologne New Music Ensemble, since his work is very much associted with that team and

how we are "abusing" Beathoven, whatever that may mean, Of the live works, the most "purely" musical was Schlag auf Schlag, though maybe a quarter of musical saws has to be seen. Certainly eyes were needed for Can voce, a pointed commemoration of the Soviet invasion of Prague: three musicians come on to the stage with their instruments but remain

plained that it was not suffic ently absurd, there was Repetoire in the second balf. This toire in the second balt. This an extract from Kagal's no opera Stantstheater, and it co sists of a bundred brief actio displaying the sort of comes of paradox and incongruity the keeps Monty Python on the total. Conventional instrumer scarcely appear and when the Cologne New Music Ensemble, since his work is very much associted with that team and discs are quite inadequate for an art that depends so beavily on the visual. Sunday's London Music Digest Kageliad in chief hands. It was also neces and directed by Kagel, as well as live performances of four pieces. The films ware Match, Hallelujah and Ludwig ran, the last an extended and sometimes hilarious glance at For the woman who com-

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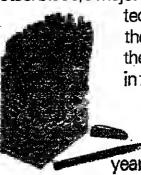


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Portugal: What happens after the honeymoon?

"Portugal now has two political programmes. One, which has been put forward by the provisional government and the Armed Forces Movement. is Armed Forces Movement. is Dr Almeida will also bave the fairly woderts. The other link of restoring international fairly moderate. The other, which is now being proposed by the man in the street, is a recipe

The speaker, a prominent Portuguese banker, might he expected to take a pessimistic view of a coup which bas put two communists to the government and bas unleashed a host of leftwing political parties and workers' nrganizations. Like most other Portuguese, be appeared to welcome the ending appeared to welcome the ending of almost 50 years of rigid dicta-torial rule, but he was con-cerned that the Portuguese may

destroy their experiment with democracy by making excessive demands on the government which cannot possibly he met.

The success of Portugal's revolution, which so far bas heen one of the bappiest and least bloody in recent history, will ultimately depend on the government's handling of domestic affairs, particularly the economy. The new regime is already making progress to-

already making progress to-wards ending the African wars, which were largely responsibla for the young officers' discontent with the Caetano government. Although talks with the African guerrilla organizations may be long and tortuous, the new Por-tuguese leaders bave embarked on an irreversible course of dis-

on an irreversible course of disengagement in Africa.

The key issues for the new government are inflation and labour unrest. Since the coup the man in the street bas been making three conflicting demands. He wants higher wages, a shortar working week and controlled prices. To support these demands workers all port these demands workers all ovar the country have been striking, taking over factories, ejecting managers from their offices or, in the case of some transport workers, merely refus-ing to accept fares from passen-

gers.
It is not bard to see wby the workers are determined to press home their demands. Wages are the lowest in Europe, strikes bave heen forhidden and infla-tion has heen galloping ahead faster thao in any other western country apart from Greece. The cost of living is unofficially estimated to have risen by 40 per cent hetween August and January and is still moving rapidly upwards. Petrol, for instance, is now £1 a gallon, and maoy other prices are higher than in Londoo. Yet the workers at the Lisoave shippard in Lishon, who are among the best paid to the country, were earn-ing just over £22 for a 46-bour week (now £29 a week following a nine-day pay dispute). Most earn considerably less.

There is now a growing demand for a minimum wage of E25 e week for everyone. Although this may not sound country can afford without either drawing on reserves or stopping all investment in new

The man who has the formidable task of trying to satisfy the workers' demands and at the same time control inflation is the new minister for ecocomic coordination, Dr Vasco Vielra de Almelda. He is a young hanker of high repute who was appointed by the juits to manage the economy after the coup. Last weekend he introduced a new economic package involv-ing price controls, a freeze on salaries in excess of £31 a week and a minimum wage of £14 a week. These measures, particularly the minimum wage, are to disappoint some although they may eccapt the package temporarily if the government can genuinely

days.

Dr Almeida will also bave the job of restoring international confidence in Portugal. Hitherconfidence in Portugal, Hitherto foreign investors, many of
them British firms, were
attracted to Portugal hecause it
could provide a pool of cheap,
disciplined labour. Judging by
the present industrial unrest,
labour will oeithar he as cheap
nor as disciplined in the future.
Yet a high level of foreign
investment will be wital if the
tracers of the new fourth detargets of the new fourth de-velopment plan (to be revised by the new government) are to be met and, more important, to provide jobs for the soldiers who will be returning from Africa and those among the 1,200,000 Portuguese emigrants working in northern Europe who may feel tempted to return now there bas heen a change in regime. Whether Dr Almeida succeeds

or nnt will to some extent depend on the Communist Party which is now building up its strength in the main urban areas. No one seems to know exactly how strong the party is at present. But being the only well-organized political group hefore the coup it has been able to establish a powerful position for itself during the past four weeks. According to one independent observer the communists might

win as much as 25 per cent of the vote when elections are held in a year's time. This would put them in a position akin to that of the communist parties in France and Italy. Clearly, the various other parties of the left—notably Dr Mario Soares's Portuguese Socialist Party and Dr Francisco Sa Carneiro's Social Democratic Party-will have to form themselves into a new, broadly based, left-centre party to act as an effective counter-balance to tha

communists.

The relationship hetween the civilian government and the mili-tary will be crucial during the coming months. At the moment coming months. At the moment the military is calling the tune. The junta, not the government, decided to allow Dr Caetano and ex-President Tomas to go ioto exile in Brazil rather than heing put on trial. It was the junta rather than the government which helped hring about a settlement of the industrial dispute at Lisnave. A new Council of State (consisting of the seven members of the Junta, seven members of the Armed Forces Movement and seveo Forces Movement and seveo civilians appointed by the Presi-dent), has been established to ensure the government does not deviate from the programme drawn up by the young officers who were responsible for the

For the time heing the armed forces—and particularly President Spinola—remain Portugal's beroes. The politicians tecog-oize their popularity and enthusiastically voice their support for the military. But how long can the boneymoon last? Although many of the **VOURE Office** cers are men of the left and are committed to restoring demo-cracy in Portugal, not a few Portuguese civilians expect to see the military still in control after March 31 next year, the deadline set for elections.

Meanwhile the Portuguese continue to enjoy their revolu-tion—except for the 800 or so former members of the hated former members of the hated DGS secret police now locked up in Caxias prison. Although the red carnations (symbol of the April 25 coup) and the hanners hanging round the Praca de Restaudores are now faded, a feeling of eupboria still persists. But all celebrations must even tually draw to an end. If the country does not settle down soon the hangover could be long

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The undisputed king on the Arab chess-board

Whether or not Dr Henry Kissinger's unique style of personal diplomacy brings lasting peace to the Midole East, strategic calculations here can never again be made in quite the same way. Since the fight-ing last October—known as the Yom Kippur or the Ramadan War, depending on which way your guns were cointing at the time—toere bas heed a remarkable transformation in the balance of power. One factor hitherto regarded as decisive and immutable—the invincibility of Israel arms-has disappeared dramatically from the equation, leaving the Arab countries, with one or two exceptions, in a mood of formidable self-confidence.

At the centre of this new political edifice stands Egypt, once again the indisputable leader of the Arab world; and its chief architect is the President of the United Arab Republic, Anwar El Sadat, until recently one of the many understad politicians. the most underrated politicians in the world, and now in some danger of being canonized by his volatile and euphoric people. Mr Sadat's impact on Egypt and tha Arah world bas been sur-prising and far reaching. The abrasive and nften patronizing attitudes which characterized Nasser's relations with his Arab neighbours has given way to a more flexible and considerate diplomacy. Friends and allies ara consulted and informed; yet there is no disposition to tell them how to run their own

To those, however, who rock the hoat which he is patiently navigating, Mr Sadat can display his own brand of magisterial displeasure. To Colonel Gaddafy, whom be has described as a political adolescent, he has addressed and published a blistering rebuke condemning Libya's attitude before, during and after the October war: and and after the October war; and when President Assad of Syria showed signs recently of wishing to torpedo Dr Kissinger's disengagement plans, Mr Sadat

affairs.

left him in no doubt that if ba did so he should not expect the gratitude or the support of tha est of the Arab world.

The foundation upon which Egypt's present ascendancy rests is the military echievement of the October war. Whatever may be the reservations of western military analysts, it is regarded here and, incidentally, in the world of black Africa, as a total victory, and Mr Sadat as its inspiration. He recognized that after the sbattering defect of 1967 the Arabs had lost whatever bargaining power they might bave wielded in any negotiation with Israel for a permanent settlement in the area. He determinad to regaio it by destroying the spectacular reputation of the Israeli armed forces and restoring the morale of his own.

To do this he knew that he would have to attack the Bar Lev defences along the Suez Canal; and that to have any chance of success he must achieve completa tactical surprise. Together with his commander-in-chief, Ahmed Ismail (now Minister of Defence) he evolved a plan which included an elaborate and which included an elaborate and carefully coordinated programme of deception. False "invasion dates" were leaked, forcing Israel to waste precious economic resources in a series of abortive mohilizations; troop movements were carried out by night and their traces carefully removed so that reconnaissance removed so that reconnaissance aircraft and satellites found the desert and the roads leading to desert and the roads leading to the Canal reassuringly empty by day; shortly before the attack the Egyptians demohilized, with suitable publicity, a large num-her of soldiers who had pre-viously heen recruited expressly for that purpose; but even taking into account these and other deception techniques which the Egyptians are still not prepared to discuss in public, the degree of surprise was remarkable, especially as it was echieved in the face of one of the most formidable, efficient intelligence services in the world. A senior Western diplo-

Whatever may be the reservations of western military analysts, the October war is regarded in Egypt as a total

mat in Cairo admits that the day before the war began he was still, in his reports, heavily dis-counting rumours of an Egyptian

victory and

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Inside Egypt, President Sadat is aiming at a transformation of a less spectacular, but equally significant kind. Although the inelegant but expressive term "deNassarization" is not "deNassarization" is not approved for use in official conversation, the trend is clearly identifiable. Both the political climate and economic policies of Egypt are experiencing the impact of e more liheral philosophy. Internal press censorship has been abolished (although among Egyptian journalists the removal of familiar restrictions seems to have been greeted with more suspicion than wild enthusiasm). Critics of the revolution and other elements considered undesirable by Nasser are reappearing from prison and

from exile.

General Neguih, the first
President of Egypt, has been
released from house errest to

enjoy an honourable, if not especially opulent, old age. Mr Sadat declares, with some claim to credibility, that there is no longer anyone in prison without trial in Egypt. His confident belief that be bas also abolished press censorship ignores the dead hand of his own opaque bureancracy. Whatever presi-dential decrees may have been issued, no resident foreign correspondent could bope to get a serious dispatch out of Egypt without an official stamp on it —or to remain long in business if be tried.

In his attempts to guide a 7,000-year-old civilization through the perplexing jungle of twentieth-century life. Mr Sadat faces a number of towering obstacles. One is a population which is growing at an alarming rate (and most of whom seem to be trying to travel at the same time on Cairo's hair-raising bus service). Another is the need to attract foreign capital into Egypt and therefore to redevelop the pri-In his attempts to guide a therefore to redevelop the pri-vate sector of the economy withnut recreating the financial and social divisions the revolution

Yet another is the existence of an entrenched bureaucracy, which has raised the Byzantine which has raised the Byzantine arts of obfuscation and frustration to an unchallenged level of perfection and which is swollen at regular intervals by the output of universities awarding more degrees than the market for graduates can ever hope to

absorb.

In his foreign policy, Mr Sadat has to deal with the central problem of his relations with the Soviet Union. Although there are indications that Soviet arms are once again arriving in Egypt, there is no question of any return to the days of exclusive dependence. The Russians ara still feeling the pain of their dismissal from Egypt, and their attempts to frustrate Dr Kissinattempts to frustrate Dr Kissinger's diplomacy are becoming progressively less discreet.

Mr Sadat has to accept the real possibility that his unstable

prepared to collaborate in their disruptive activities. For the moment, however, the Egyptian President is able to pursue a policy of diversifying his foreign contacts while retaining a pre-dominant position in the Arah world. Few decisions of any major importance, even those involving the manipulation of oil supplies as a political weapon, can be made without his support. His relations with Dr Kissinger are close and often remarkably uninhibited.

Whatever may be the idiosyncratic aspirations of Syria, Saudi

cratic aspirations of Syria, Saudi Arabia or Jordan, the major pieces on the Middle East chess board are still Israel and Egypt. President Sadat seems genuinely determined to arrive at som reasonable accommodation, although he recognizes the crucial difficulty of the Palestinian problem. Challenged to reject the more extreme manifestations of international terrorism ha is predictably non-committed. committed

rorism ha is predictably noncommittal.

He is able, however, to point
to something he wrote 20 years
ago in his book Revolt on the
Nile, and of which he says be
would not now change a word:
The glorification of violence is fatal
to the hot blooded people of the
East, because it mleashes their
most animal instincts: the result
is a saries of hideons crimes committed in the name of an ideal.

It is quite easy to satisfy youth's
thirst for romance and to harness
its enthusiasm to a cause, without
encouraging violence.

When Dr Kissinger's jet-propelled caravan finally comes to
rest in Washington, and tha
Sphinx once again has the
regional monopoly of inscrutable smiles, the future of the
Middle East may depend upon
whether the man who wrote
those words can translate his

thosa words can translate his ideals into political reality. In any case no Western government can hope to formulate an intelligent Middle East policy if it. does not take Egypt, its armed forces and its third President very seriously indeed. © Times Newspapers Ltd, 1974.

Irresistible rise of M Chirac



Paris, May 27

The political career of Jacques Chinac who, at becomes one of France's you est Prime Ministers, has be meteoric. His first step on ladder of success was appointment in 1962 to the I sonal staff of the late M Geor. Pompidou, then Prime Ministers. Pompidou, then Prime Minist who tewarded M Chira loyalty; a deputy in 1967, was made a junior minister same year, and a senior minis in charge of relations with r liament four years later. In 19: he became Agriculture Minis he became Agriculture Minis and a year later he was rew. ded with the even more vipost of Minister of tha Interito prepare for presidential elitions which everyone consider to be in the offing.

This tall, dark, serious purposeful son of a compadirector, is e typical product tha French postwar technology.

racy. Born and educated Paris, he graduated from Ecole Nationale d'Administ tion, that hothouse of the n generation of restless, ambitic politicians. President Pompic once described him as a "br

dozer.

In trying to define the posonality of M Chirac, this characteristics come to minimerery, efficiency and amount on These certainly ettraction to M Giscard d'Estai who had the opportunity assess bis worth when, in 19 he became State Secretary, post he beld for three years the Finance Ministry. From the the Finance Ministry. From ti-close cooperation, he develor a respect and admiration to the new President, which every extended to copying his speed

mannerisms and intonation.

His energy is proverhial. 1

puts in a 15-bour day at 1

office. When he stood as deputer one of its 121 municipalities.

He can quickly absorb a ms

His arrival at the Minist :: 4 43.7 of the Interior in March w followed in less than a fo night by a vast reorganizati of the prefectoral administ tion in preparation for predential elections. His keen telligence and ruthless dri-bave always heen at the serviof an ambition, that in to opinion of political experts contends even beyond the premitable, to the Presidency itself.

His shortcomings are a ctain lack of human warmth ar of imagination; a bluntness at arrogance which accounted for this qualified success in dealir with parliamentarians when was minister in charge of rel-tions with the two bouses. H has no time for soul-searching doubt, or ideologies and his aut communism is uncomplicated. His approach to men and affauls, like his mentor, Presider Pompidou, essentially prag matic.

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When genius emerged from the fog in Trieste piercing study of e man whose

A year or two ago, I was leaving Venice (an action, in my view, that should only be Clearly, the chances of getting attempted in the direst emerattempted in the direst emergency), when fog suddenly descended upon city, lagoon and Marco Polo Airport alike.

Momentary bopes that the fog would last for six months, and that I would be lodged at the six months are six months. would last for six months, and that I would be lodged at Alitalia's expense in a canal-side suite at the Palazzo Vendramin-Calergi (where you-know-who died) throughout that time, were dashed with the annonnement to I shoved an old lady off a bench waiting desperately for some means of getting them out of whatever it was that they were refugees from, and I was, in-

dashed with the announcement that we would be cooveyed to I sboved an old lady off a bench Trieste, and take off from there. This was inauspicious enough, and matters were not greatly improved by the sight of Trieste Airport, which was also be-fogged and bad been for some hours, so that, as planeload after planeload of intending travellers had been decanted into the pas-senger concourse and left to gun to resemble one of those harrowing scenes of refugees deed at once reminded of that borrid, and for all I know true, borrid, and for all I know true, tale of the scene at Elizabeth-ville Airport during the collapse of the Congo when the Belgians precipitately withdrew, and, after a mounting tide of atrocity stories had heen seeping out for a cnuple of weeks, a British television team arrived, led hy an efficient-looking figure who went along the waiting lines of hopeiess and exhausted Europeans, calling out hriskly to the ladies among them "Anybody here been raped and speaks Englisb? Anybody here heen raped and speaks Englisb?

So widespread are this year's Churchill centenary celebrations

Some of the floats were stun-

ning. Winner of the Winston Churchill tropby cup, presented

to the village by Churchill some

20 years ago, was the Paynes-field Road Gala Gang from Tatsfield, who paraded in a Chinese junk with sails that went

up and down. Wombles were

everywhere, wombling free.

encouraging people to be tidy. Churchill's statue was hrood-iog on the village green. It was

sculpted by Oscar Nemon, and

Alice Cook, 90, whose brother-

in-law, was Churchill's chauffeur

for many years, was one who did not like it. "It would have been

much hetter to build some Churchill memorial flats", she

said. She was with Bill Goodman,

75, a tetired gravedigger, who described the statue as a great

Many visitors were Churchill

admirers, though not fanatics.

A young computer programmer

it is not noiversally admired.

was there:

I realized that every scrap of reading matter I had was packed in my registered luggage. I do not know how many people have ever heen faced with the prospect of going insane on Trieste Airport; not many, I imagine. I can assure those who bave not that they have missed little. The feeling does, however, concentrate the mind wonderfully: I put the old lady back on the hench temporarily, with instructions to guard it with ber life until I returned, and went off to see if there was anything fit to read, in a language I understood, anywhere in the I came hack from my expedi-

tinn with two paperbacks. One was Norman Mailar's Of n Fire on the Moon, which for some reason I had resisted until then —a serious mistake, for it is pro-hably his hest hook, and quite certainly the best account writ-ten of the Apullo project. The other was Siddhartha. An bour later, I had discovered Hermann

and sat down to make use of the time with a book. At that point,

Hesse. Uotil then, be had been little

more than a name to me. I knew be had been a friend of my hero, Thomas Mann, and, as appears from the enthralling two-volume edition of Mann's two-volume edition of Mann's letters that appeared in English a few years ago, a friend for whom Mann (though they were never very close) had a considerable regard and affection. I knew, too, that he had written a book called Magister Ludi, which for some reason I bracketed in my mind with the neo-Gothic novels of Mervyn Peake, and since I had never been able to read Titus Groan or Gormenghast I had always shied away from Hesse. On such Gormenghast I had always shied away from Hesse. On such feehle grounds do we accidentally deny ourselves profoundly enriching experiences, only to find them finally thrust upon us in circumstances no less haphazard. For Hesse's work is not in the least like Peake's, and just how enriching it is I began to realize in the brief time it took to read Siddhartha—a masterpiece that manages to he hoth compact and discursive at once—and finally learnt in detail when, on returning to London, I immediately ordered everything of his that was in print in English, and hegan to work my way through it, starting with Magister Ludi (which, I learnt, had just heen newly translated, under the title of The Glass Bead Game). He must have had an appalling childbood; in book after book

there recurs the figure of a boy whose home contains every com-fort and security except love, and be clearly never forgot. Yet the psychic wound, though it would not heal, suppurated to superbly henign purpose. In Siddhartha, and in the aven more

inner peace, a nirvana of recon-ciliation, which suggests overwhelmingly that Hesse's genins had mada him whole; and this, incidentally, although Journey to the East ends on a theme of

at least partly a portrait of Mann himself), he was clearly also fascinated by it, and in a letter to its author says significantly "I love its combinetion of gravity and sportiveness—a tone familiar to me, more or less my own " and goes on to draw a direct parallel with Hesse's book and his own Doctor Faustus. (Even some of their stylistic devices are similar, such as the cata-logues of physical objects both love to provide.) For me there is nothing else in the fiction of this century to stand alongside The Magic Mountain, hecause thera is nothing alse that em-hraces so much in its subject-matter. (Mann pointed out in a latter to Hesse that The Glass Bead Game, the title of which refers to a gigantic intellectual pageant, taking in almost every major discipline, was itself a glass bead game.)

Of the other hooks of Hes I have now read (I am saving Steppenwolf to the last) Narziss and Goldmund is a kind of nccidental Siddhartha; the short novella called Klein and Wagner (not that Wagner) is a

piercing study of e man whose search for peace and meaning ends in failure and suicide (or perhaps—not for nothing did Mann see resemblances in Hesse to his own irony—in suicide and success); The Prodigy, Demian, A Child's Heart and to some extent Rosshalde explore the theme of the child in a cold world.

Hesse is not conally well child in a cold world.

Riesse is not equally well served by all his translators; one or two of the English versions are woefully inadequate. But those, like the second version of The Glass Read Corne

and the three stories of Kling sor's Last Summer (not than Klingsor), which are translated (they also translated Mann's (they also translated Mann's last work and the posthumous edition of his Letters), are very fine indeed; it would be difficult to find as good an English rendering of any book—certainly any hook so rich and complex—as their translation of The Glass Bead Game.

Anyway if it had not been

Anyway, if it had not been for Trieste Airport and the fog, I might never have discovered Hesse at all, so you see there is good to be extracted from even the most unpropinious circumstances. (Whence no doubt, all those fairy stories about people who are kind to beggars, toads, and the like, only to find them turn into grateful princes and others in a position or recent the kind. a position to repay the kind-ness.) No doubt I have made the acquaintance of this great genius many years after almost everyhody else, but the main thing is that I have now made it, and I urge all those who have not done so to follow my example.

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Today's road sign is neither confusing nor ambiguous—indeed just the opposite—but my competition rules are flexible. Oswald Jones from Monmouthshire snapped it in mid-Wales some six years ago.

No such luck. The BBC, who were at first unsure, said yester-day that they would still be able to go ahead with the World Cup programmes even if the strike lasted, because the pictures were coming from German television and they would just be sover-

Imposing their commentary.

I should like to see the BBC unable to televisa that world. Cup, chiefly because of their abominably inconsiderate response to the suggestion by Independent Television that there should be less overlapping coverage of the Com by the two

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demanded that the committee with Revious open its sessions, or at leving with Colon Main release the full record of why (May 13). The says release the full record of what Man Colon Man was going on.

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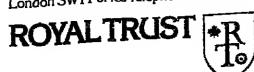
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Churchill as a hero and an industry

that they are like a permanant floating crap game. Yesterday they floated to Westerbam, in Kent, two miles from Chartwell, the bouse Churchill bought SO years ago for £5,000. Westerham was in carnival and my reporter Westerham people regard Churchill as their patron saint is fashionable to knock these

days, I haven't got much time for the knockers. We need our beroes and our myths." and yesterday shop windows were mawkish with Churchilliana. There were leather-bound There are many events planbuildings for £12, hip flasks for ned for the remainder of the gala. A Remember Churchill £10 and cigar cases for £12.40. Down market there were Chart-well Churchill mugs for 95p and Exhibition—to consist of pictures of the statesman and recordings of his speeches—will up market were small Royal Doulton statues of the Queen-in be opened on Wednesday. There Westerham these count as Churchilliana—for £75. Union will be Churchill discos, Churchill beetle drives, and Churchill Jacks were 10p each or two for

hingo evenings.

The Westerbam Gallery bas already opened a Churchill exhibition. It includes a message facilities of the control of the cont from his secretary, Grace Hamb-lin, dated July 23, 1946, which reads: "Mr Churchill, the Cinque Ports flag has arrived and Alan has put it np". Under which, io Churchill's band, is a rhyme of sorts: "Oh frabjous

day Callook, Callay I "
The cigar smoking competirion had to be cancelled for lack

Grass

Gardeoing is one of those subjects (food is another) where there are never enough answers to fit the onestions. In spite of the tremendous weight of horticultural literature, it is seldom possible to find precise remedies for your particular oblem. How, for iostance, can tell whether my apple tree is blighted by sawfly or coddling moth? Can I afford the investsaid: "In many ways Churchill's ment of time and cash needed to raputation is puffed up, but that combat both ailments, or is it is still valuable. Every village cheaper to hay my apples at needs its heroes and though it Sainsbury's?

indecision explain the continuing popularity of Gardeners' Question Time, a radio programme I have praised before in this culumn. There, at laast, the person who asks the question sure of something approaching a precise answer to bis own dilemma. And what powerful dilemmas they sometimes are, the searing tales of tragedy with the broad beans, or the dwarf conifer planted 10 feet from the house which turned out not to be dwarf at all. It is quite

These recurring crises of

the most emotional programme on the air. After last Sunday's edition I dried my eyes and hurriad, for more of the same, to Dulwich Park, where the Greater London Council bad generously establisbed a one-day lawn clinic. Gilbert Warwick, the council agrostologist, was installed in e marquee, surrounded by little

trays of turf, dispensing his wis-Wearing a white moustache and a smart blue blazer, here was a man clearly devoted to his subject.

One common question was what he thought the best type of lawn for an urban garden.
"This", he would say pointing
to one of his trays. "This I to one of his trays. This I regard as the acme of perfection. The tray contained a mixture of 80 per cent Chewings Red Fescua and 20 per cent Brown-

Here again, though, it was the disasters which were most moving. One man had just moved into a newly-huilt house and

found patches in his garden where grass would not grow at There were murmurs of sym-pathy when I pointed to one of

the trays of turf and said that it looked just like my lawn. Many others said it looked like theirs, too, and Warwick explained that it was simply starved. It needed feeding. Another of his exhibits familiar to lax lawn-tenders like me was of Yorkshire Fog, an unwanted coarse grass described in Warwick's booklet (also free) as "a spreading, soft, hairy grass with pink veins on the lower stems". (Does it sound like someone you know?) The remedy is to cut the clumps with a sharp knifa in criss-cross fashion, brush off the severed stems and sprinkle grass see over the area. Warwick, a man who understands human weak

ba done over small sections at a time, since it is very tedious. For those who missed him at Dulwich, Warwick is taking his clinic to the South Bank between County Hall and the Festival Hall, from tomorrow until Friday, between 11.30 em and 3 pm. Take along some of your lawn for him to look at, if you like. Take also a large handkerchief, if you are easily moved by other people's by other

Unsporting

I had a brief surge of bope yesterday, oo hehalf of those who are fans of television but not of foothall, and who look forward with trepidation to the excesses of the World Cup for three weeks from June 14. I wonderad whether the strike of some BBC technical people, which crippled their live coverage of sport over the weekend, would, if it continued, stop them televising the World Cup

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coverage of the Cup by the two channels. This would have been a relief to those who do not like a relief to those who do not like foothall, while still enabling football fans to see as much as they wanted. The RBC's defence that people prefer their coverage is weak. Coverage of foothall by the two channels is THE TIMES THURSDAY MAY 30. 1074

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izins of paramount importthat the political strike in ern Ireland he defeated. for three reasons. The rity of the United Kingdom nment in Northern Ireland, nore the authority of the icial executive, would not t capitulation: they would then on be broken-backed. policy of moderation and iation, which has received itent support from the great ity of elected representain the House of Commons, Dail, and the Northern d Assembly, could hardly d Assembly, could hardly ut together again after lation to those whose seed aim is to destroy it. 1gh that policy cannot be ained indefinitely against etiled opposition of the fant community in Ulster, though that opposition is at though that opposition is at ioment stiffening, all bope ntually winning acceptance need not be abandoned y, the people of the United om as a whole have a vital

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The Government's chances of

defeating the challenge have not heen improved by the appearance of irresolution on the part of Ministers and by Mr Wilson's lamentable broadcast on Saturday night. If the strike is to be beaten at all, it will be beaten by cansing a sufficient part of the Protestant community to move against it. For that they need reassurance about British policy, they need convincing that the authorities have the will and the means to see the thing through, and they need to be told of the gravity of the political con-sequences for the Union if this collective repndiation of consti-tutional authority is sustained to the end. To none of those require-ments did the Prime Minister adequately respond adequately respond. Too much is now at stake for

an early acceptance of the strike organizers' terms to be acceptable. The cradit of government in Northern Ireland is at stake; the principles underlying British policy there are at stake; and the reputation of the political strike weapon for success or failure is at stake. The Ulster Workers' Council has announced that in response to the use of soldiers to distribute petrol all services in

will be eager to take up with the provinces will cease. So be every proof of its success. it The Army may not he able to maintain even a rudimentary level of all services normally classified as essential. It must he used to the fullest extent to keep going

whatever it can keep going.
The resulting hardship, risk to
bealth and safety, loss of livelihood, cessation of economic activity, fracture of the structures supporting society, these will bave to be tolerated to a point which goes well beyond the present disruption. The responsibility for inflicting them will lie with those who have elected to use in their defiance of lawful authority means which have those authority means which bave those consequences.

Before it is concluded that the Protestant community is deter-mined to wreck the present form of government in the province (for if it really is so determined it can), it must he allowed to experience the full consequences of the means employed, and ponder the responsibility for them. There must also he explained to them, more clearly than Ministers has a second to the constant of the constant than Ministers bave yet under-taken to do, the very serious consequences which an outcome that they may now think of as success would bave for the course of politics in Northern Ireland and for the British connexion.

IME MINISTER OF FRANCE

name of M Jacques Chirac, President Giscard d'Estaing chosen as his first prime ter, is hardly music to an ish ear. Although be has a rising star in French interolitics for some years, he did ally attract the notice of the h public until last August, he briefly grahbed the Euroheadlines with a remarkable new in the French news sine Le Point. As Minister griculture at the time, be ed both the British Governand Sir Christopher Soames tish member of the officially al European Commission) of arguments in "unheard of ith " to defend the interests itish sugar refiners. For measure be added that he Iso "worried by Germany",
he said had for the past
been "drawing away from

t these remarks M Chirac ved many verhal raps on the kles in Brussels, Bonn and on, and even some in Paris. widently secure in President idou's favour, he showed not lightest sign of contrition. linistry of Agriculture he ued to behave in Brussels emagogic champion of the al and sectional interests of 1 farmers, rather than as a isible participator in the ive government of the unity.

Chirac's European col-s must therefore bave a sigb of relief when the esident moved his protègé Ministry of the Interior on 1; and the new President's n to promote him may ripple of uneasiness a France's partners. Have

they heen a little too quick to acclaim M Giscard d'Estaing as a "good European"? Happily such fears are almost certainly groundless—or at least M Chirac's appointment is not a serious ground for them. None of his five predecessors as prime mini-ster under the Fifth Republic has played any significant role in foreign affairs. Both General de Gaulle and President Pompidou preferred to keep them directly under their own control and there is every reason to believe that President Giscard d'Estaing will do the same. The prime minister of the Fifth Republic is essentially a coordinator of domestic policy and a political cheer-leader of the ruling majority. For the former role M Chirac

is undoubtedly well qualified. First in the cabinet of M Pompidou who was then Prime Minister, then in bis own right in a succes-sion of ministerial posts he has acquired a wealth of depart-mental and interdepartmental experience and has repeatedly shown himself a more than competent administrator. It is the second role—the

strictly political one—that makes the choica of M Chirac interesting. For only a fortnight or so ago prominent members of the Gaullist Party (Union des Democrates pour la République) were privately warning that they would regard a Chirac government as a "government of provocation" which they could not possibly support. Why? Becanse M Chirac did more than anyone else to torpedo the presidential candida-ture of M Cbaban-Delmas, and therehy to ensure M Giscard d'Estaing's victory. Acting in concert with two of President

Pompidou's closest advisers-M Pierre Juillet and Mme Marie-France Garaud-he spread the word that the candidature, announced with "indecent haste", of the prime minister whom M Pompidou had dismissed, was to be regarded as both an affront to the memory of the deceased and a political mistake. He supported the idea that M Messmer should be the single candidate of the majority, and by encouraging M Messmer to persist with this proposal after the UDR had rejected it he publicized the disarray of the Gaullist movement.

For all this, M Giscard d'Estaing owes a political debt to M Chirac, which he implicitly recognized during the campaign when be mentioned the Minister of the Interior as one of the rising generation "who are or will he called on to exercise important responsibilities in the State". But by making him prime minister he delivered a calculated snuh to the Gaullist party leadership, and a challenge to the 180 Gaullist deputies who have the power to overthrow his government if they

But will they dare? After seeing their candidate win only fifteen per cent of the total vote, and then seeing the candidate of the left come within one per cent of victory, the Gaullist deputies can hardly he in a hurry to confront the electorate again. M Giscard d'Estaing knows this, and he may well feel that his ohliga-tions to those who voted for "cbange", whether by voting for bimself or for M Mitterrand, are greater than his obligations to the Gaullist politicians who rallied to him so grudgingly on the second

ED FOR A LOCAL INSPECTORATE

ter on this page yesterday where central government bas pben Haseler, chairman of neral purposes committee Greater London Council, ed of the proposal for a vernment inspectorate but ed that it should not be central government con-The Times bad proposed evidence to the Redcliffe-Committee. It would be nore effective, be said, if ndependent of all bureau-That is an attractive tion in principle and it matter little in practice r or not the inspectorate inder central government if its sole purpose was to

would be its first task. It inusual at the present time al authorities to call in consultants and there is o be said for such a service izing in local government stration. Schools and the provide two examples move elsewhere without sacrifice.

managed to provide an inspectorate without compromising local autonomy. It would be the function of an inspector to make suggestions to an anthority and to bring to its attention procedures adopted in other areas. His role would be purely advisory. But such an inspectorate would

bave a second function: as a counter to corruption in local government. Where there is corruption the people most likely to be aware of it are the more senior officials, which is certainly not to say that they are the most likely to be corrupt. But they are understandably reluctant to voice their suspicions, especially when they are no more than suspicions. What is needed is some person in authority with whom an official is naturally in contact on other matters and in whom he can confide without putting his career in jeopardy. That means in effect that he must be able to

The hest way of providing this opportunity would be to implement the Mallaby Committee proposal of 1967 that "mobility of officers hetween local authorities and the other branches of the public sector should be encouraged". That suggestion too can stand on its own merits, quite apart from its potential value in countering corruption. Service in one of the new large authorities would be invaluable experience for the senior officials of central departments in the future, and a cross-flow between central and local government would bave great advantages for both. But if such a system were also to serve the purpose of countering corruption in local government it would he necessary for the hard-pressed official to know that it would be available for bim to move into the service of a central department.
That could be more easily arranged if the inspectorate was responsible to central govern-

olic Church music fr James Goldsbury

What's wrong with Roman music?" asks Colin Mawhy Times (May 18). The answer, is largely a matter of history, many other historical facets sur Anglican friends bave inrur Anglican friends bave III-, there is a musical tradition for example, certain song possibly dating from Saxon now turned "grammar" and ly dangerously near becoming rehensive. With the religious of Tudor days, Catholics had the to go underground, or were also abroad. Their musical ed abroad. Their musical in, as with other characteris-far as this country was conjust flopped.

350, on the restoration of the chy, and the influx of Tracconverts, "Romanitas", as in ivs of St Augustine, for a rime, had to start aimost from . Though the ideal Gregorian nad never died out, it was con-to what few monastic, and churches and chapels as then l. It was a case of "first first", with music a bad". The "florid" musical ser-

tings of the Latin Mass in the way of Mozart and Beethoven, as with architecture, found certain favour with some embusiastic Oxford converts, eg., Feber and the Oxford, and this idiom perculated to most of the resurgent parish churches. My mother speaking of her youth, would enthuse about Beethoven's Missa Solemnic and other composers whose enthnse about Beetnovers MISSU Solemnis and other composers whose works filled the churches with people from far and wide. Her sister, my late aunt, was, I gather, a kind of local Gaili-Curci. Frequenty organists and chommasters (voluntary nnpaid) were often converts themselves, usually coming from "High" churches with a glorious and decorous Anglican musical tra-

In the meantime the parish clergy, again of necessity, and invariably without musical acumen, were a type of ecclesiastical "pooh-bahs", supervising everything from sacerdotal duties to parochial social events. Choirs were mostly consigned to the "gallery" and erstwhile "choristers" now assumed an amalgam of songster/server/acolyte of the Levities of the songster server and songster server. cal order in the sanctuary. This, to a larga extent, still prevails. But the painful situation of

Catholic Church music is manifested by the discontinuanca of the Triden-tine Mass and its Latin musical set-ring in the age old devotional and art form. Even if the requisite finance was available, and like sensible Anglican incumbents, the musical side was left to the direction of people with the required discipline, choirmasters, rectors chori, or whatever, the complication of fit ting the appropriate music to the Novus Ordo Missae appears formid able. Cranmer, super liturgist though be was, shied from the trans-lation of the old Latin Breviary hymns, and Anglicans had to wait for three centuries to pass before the compilation of A. & M. Even the Pope has recently expressed the wish for a return to the main stratum of the old Latin Mass settings, viz, Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus and

Agnus Dei. I leave Mr Mawby to imagine the result of the musical "commissions" in wrestling with ICEL (International Commission for English in the Liturgy). I am, sir, Your obedient servant. JAMES GOLDSBURY, 75 Bingham Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

London flats

From Mr Muir Hunter, QC Sir, On December 28 last you printed a letter from me drawing attention to the probable impact of the liquidity crisis in the secondary banks on the property world financed by them, and in particular the impact on London leasehold flat property. My predictions have, regrettably, furned out to be in part at least well-founded, and there seem to be signs that some of the ailing hanks will pull down some of the ailing flatowning companies, and vice versa; one of the largest groups is stated to be contemplating liquidation, and others appear to be in deep trouble.

others appear to be in deep trouble. Writing now as a spokesman for the Conference of Private Residents Associations (COPRA), which represents something over 180 blocks of flats, the homes of perhaps 100,000 people, I ask, who is now to pay (whether by long or sbotterm finance, or by hridging loans) for the major works of repair, replacement of plant, maintenance and external redecoration, increasingly required by the numerous older external redecoration, increasingly required by the numerous older blocks, and decreasingly, I fear, within the means of their landlords? The regulated tenants are under no obligation, even if they had the means, to carry out such works; the long lessees, crippled in many cases by the cost of purchasing their leases on more age could be seen their leases on mortgage, could not make good their landlords' defaults in the covenants for repair without external assistance.

nal assistance.

The Housing Bill, now before the Commons Standing Committee, could perhaps provide an opportunity or vehicle for some form of salnity or vehicle for some form of sal-vage operation, eg, through the Housing Corporation, local loans or Treasury guarantees. Much work needs to be initiated before next winter, and there is nnemployed building capacity in London. Can-not all these public purposes ba served by action now in this impor-tant social field? MUIR HUNTER. 3 Paper Buildings, Inner Temple, EC4. May 27.

Panovs and Bolshoi visit

From Miss Pat Gerrard and others Sir, Remarks made by Valery Panov to membera of our company were misunderstood in the report of the press conference of the Prospect Theatre Company on May 22 en-titled "Panovs want a friendly wel-come for Bolshoi". What Panov come for Bolshoi.". What Panov actually said, and we were present at the time, was: "In the past two years I have learned above all the true value of freedom of thought and expression. I must leave it to the individual's conscience to do what be or she thinks is best."

He also said how deeply grateful he was to British Equity and tha British acting profession for the support and concern they had shown on their behalf.

Yours faithfully, PAT. GERRARD

PAT GERRARD

TEM DAVIES TOBY ROBERTSON PENELOPE POTTER KIT JACKSON IAN REDFORD ELLEN GRECH WILLOUGHBY GODDARD TEM BARKER HENRI SZEPS. Her Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket, SW1.

Young offenders From Mr A. Liddell Hart

Sir. In his appraisal of the Report on Young Offenders by the Advisory Council oo the Penal System (article May 23), Andrew Rutherford castigates the prison huilding programme, "likely to make Britain a showpiece of penal anachronism and obsolescence". He prefers to devote resources to non-custodial "treatresources to non-custodial "treat-

There is no real evidence—and be distorts what careful reading of the report shows that the council con-cluded in this respect—that any form of treatment makes a signifi-cant difference. Meanwhile acciety cant difference. Meanwhile acciety is likely to remain concerned with penalties—and prevention. In the circumstances it is surely better that priority should be given to the provision of adequate prisons rathar than to the extension of trendy forms of "community-based" rehabilitation—without the safeguards of the penalty system.

of the penalty—system.

I frequently visit young offenders who, having often failed to henefit from a variety of treatment, are now serving long sentences in antiquated and overcrowded prisons.
Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN LIDDELL HART,

52 Tite Street, SW3.

Detained in Greece From the Reverend Peter Levi

Sir, The Greek secret police have sir, the Greek secret police have just won another feather for their caps by arresting Mrs Athena Kalianessi, an elderly lady who is one of the most distinguished publishers in Greece. Her publishing house and bookshop is Kedros, and sbe is the publisher of the famous Eighteen Texts, of the standard work on Kayafis of the novels of Tripkas. on Kavafis, of the novels of Tsirkas, and of the poems of Ritsos. Her arrest is a deliherate menace to all Greek publishers and to writers, and an intolerable affront to every decent intellectual standard. It is also a naticularly filthy piece of bullying. particularly filmy piece of bullying.
Her family doctor has managed to
see her, and she is known to be in
a very bad nervous condition. It
sppears likely to her friends that she
is being given the sleeplessness treatment. The fact that her husband,
who was a next officer has lying ment. The fact that her husband, who was a naval officer, has lung cancer is no help.

This brave woman has created the

most active Greek publishing enter-prise and the most exciting bookshop of the last 10 years. It was always full of writers and of the kind of readers who in their thousands read the Eighteen Texts and the series that followed them. I think it one of the greatest honours in my life to bave had a pampblet produced by ber. She was and is a beacon of sanity and humane optimism in that unhappy country. That of course is why she has been arrested.

When will these horrors end? Yours, etc. PETER LEVI. Campion Hall

Repair problem for The strike in Northern Ireland

From Professor E. M. Barbour

Sir, As an Englishman recently settled in Northern Ireland and working at the New University in Coleraine I find myself astonished and ashamed at the reactions of tha British Government end Opposition to the current strikes organized in the province by the Ulster Workers

The creation of the present Assen-hly and Executive in Northern Ire-land and the Sunningdale Agreement arrived at with the Dublin Govern-ment were both imaginative ects of statesmanship and had they gradu-ally achieved public acceptance their unconventional antecedents might have been forgiven them. As it is, however, we have now clear evidence however, we have now clear evidence that a substantial proportion of Protestants in Northern Ireland does not accept these arrangements, as was strikingly revealed in the West-minster elections in Fehruary, 1974, Having first voiced their objections in the newspapers and in speeches in Parliament and elsewhere these men have now witodrawn their labour, demanding neither power nor money hut merely elections to test public support for the Executive and its policies. (Some intimidation has certainly taken place showing that the Protestants have their violent fringe even as we know the Catholics to nossess theirs; nevertheless this does nothing to disprove the genuineness of toe feelings of a substantial hody of responsible citizens oelong-

The strike is of course both inconvenient and highly damaging ro the region's economy and in normal circumstances one would expect both the British Government and the Nor-

thern Ireland Executive to be anxious to open talks with its leaders to dis-cover which if any of their demaods

hetter.

If the leaders of Britain's main political parties bad any idea of the frisson of norror felt here in Ulster at the Prime Minister's stern and chilling nationwide hroadcast, not amoogst the more higoted Protestants only hut hy persons of all shades of opinion—Conservative and Labour, Irish and English, Protestant, Catholic and even just plain Christian—I helieve he and they would think again. The Irish problem is too difficult and too serious for buildog obstinacy to he allowed to take the place of "negotiate and negotiate and oegotiate again". negotiate and oegotiate again". Yours sincerely,

were acceptable, or which might at least form a basis for negotiation. Instead we have heard the British Prime Minister castigate the strikers as unpatrionic spongers. Yet this I am convinced they are not, for Ulstermen willing to put their own jobs and immediate financial interests in jeopardy for the sake of their political convictions do not thereby become knaves or dupes any mere than other strikers do. Pizhtty or wrongly many Ulster Protestants feel as dubious of any association with Dublin as many members of the British public do about the British association with Europe, and they feel they have an equal right to be consulted. If a mistake has been made the sooner it is righted the

N. MICHAEL BARBOUR, New University of Ulster, Coleraine, Co Londonderry, May 27.

The troubles besetting society

From Mr Robert Elliott

Sir, In his letter to you hir Jo Grimond (May 20) does well to draw attention to the two examples of corruption in our society which he describes as growing habits quita inadequately condemned. It is interesting that he brackets them together and their juxtaposition in his letter leads one to think of the general likenesses between almost all of our current could have discondent. of our current evils and disorders.

The exercise of public power, and semi-public power such as that of limited liability companies for utterly selfish ends is the common mark of all of them.

Mr Grimond names the golden handshake, promotion with honours and rewards instead of sacking, top jobs for top boys on retirement from high office, and the bullying of the belpless and the innocent in order to force authority to change or bend the rules which the bullies do not wish to obey, as being inadequately condemned. But are they so very different from the bullying of half the electorate by a strong majority in the House of Commons; the com-plete and shameless devial of past promises and avowed principles in promises and avowed principles in order to gain or bold on to political power; the ruthless disregard of crying need when no political advantage can be gained by meeting advantage can be gained by meeting it; tha disgusting hypocrisy in denying arms to one country where there is oppression of the weak whilst lauding the acts of another where the oppression is equally bad? And compared with these horrors what matters the giving and receiving of bribes, or the toadying of civil servants to obtain advantageous decisions? decisions?

Democracy, we understand, evolved out of many attempts to pur curbs on the bullies and to keep a check upon those who would use public funds for their own henefit. Democracy over the centuries has also come to mean that a certain part of the power and wealth of a nation which abides by democratic rules shall be used for the common good of all citizens especially the poor, the weak and the helpless. But today, a democracy is a country where there is a continual battle between rival factions for the power to govern their fellow men, and for the myriads of perquisites which go with office. In some countries only one faction is allowed to contend for office and quite obviously where selfish gain is the only motivation of those seeking office then this state of affairs is the ultimate logical development our of the continual squabhling we now have here.

The truth is thar the evils to which ne truth is that the evils to which our attentions are directed are merely the excrescences growing in the wounds heneath. Bribery and corruption are the symptoms of our disease and not the disease itself. That disease is rabid selfishness, It is a disease which is always in us and can only be held in check by such institutions as law and order. such institutions as law and order, democracy fairly and bonestly applied, and love of one's fellow men. If it is allowed to gain too great a hold upon the corporate body of a nation—and wa must be perilously close to that state now—then the next stage is totalizarianism in which

the disease is acclaimed as health, and unless our party leaders change their tunes any of them could sweep us into that ahyss in the next few

years.
Yours faithfully,
ROBERT S. ELLIOTT, Principal,
Reid Kerr College,
Renfrew Road, Paisley, Renfrewshire.

From Ms Jane Killick

Sir, As a Liberal and a Christian I welcomed two statements in your newspaper of May 20. One, Mr Grimond's letter and, two, your Religious Affairs Correspondent's article entitled "Dr Coggan's 'theology of enough'". The second surely has a direct bearing upon the

first. Regardless of whether the taxes of the rich can or cannot be "clawed back" to enhance the incomes of the poor, or wbether industry oeeds an incentive to attract the top hrains to its boardrooms, or whether the United Kingdom is lagging behind its Continental partners in paying its chief executives, the fact remains "that there is a level of living standard beyond which it is not deceot for men to strive". This is the "theology of eoough" and this I beartily endorse. Yours faithfully, JANE KILLICK, 97 York Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, SW11.

From Mr A. J. Williams Sir, After 40 years' work the business tbar I founded and which is owned by my family paid me, over a year ago, £34,000 on a commission basis. If I had only taken balf of ir I should have received £4,250 less, hut my family would bave bad £8,500 more in capital value. I did not want so much much income, hut the Pay Board's new rula about averaging pay made it seem wise to take it, and the Government henefited by the greater

tax paid.

What is one supposed to do? Is this not another illustration of the futility of trying to judge everybody's exact worth in a free society? Yours sincerely,

A. J. WILLIAMS, Haughley Park, Stowmarket, May 23.

From Mrs Monica Cartwright Sir, Instead of asking if anyone is worth £34,000, £60,000 or a million per annum and then doing complicated calculations as to how much drained away in tax and then specu-lating as ro who paid for this person's car, house, suit, etc. can we nor ger some perspective by turning the question around?

The question would then read: is

anyone worth as little as £20 per Yours faithfully, MONICA CARTWRIGHT, 42 Orchard Way, Wymondbam,

Indian nuclear explosion

From Mr Dan Smith

Sir, The entry of India into the "nuclear cluh" must raise the greatest fears for the efficacy of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). This treaty was hailed as a practical method of ending the spread of nuclear weapons and thus, to some extent, of stabilizing the international situation, while the nuclear powers could work out ways of abolishing nuclear weapons. Sadly, it is now unlikely to live up to that aim. Article VI of the treaty states that

all parties, and especially the nuclear powers, undertake to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures for nuclear disarmament; Article VIII says that a conference will be beld in March 1975 to review the workings of the treaty. Clearly, that conference is crucial.

It is likely that countries, who, like India, have the capacity to develop nuclear weapons but are signatory to the NPT, will seek real assurances that the nuclear powers are bringing an end to nuclear weapons. What assurances can they be given?

France and China still refuse to have anything to do with disarmament conferences. Britain has under-taken no negotiations in pursuance of Article VI of the NPT. SALT—in which United States and USSR are engaged—is confined to strategic nuclear weapons, and tha first SALT treaty did nothing to halt or slow technological improvements by either side.

And now India has exploded a nuclear device claiming it is for peaceful purposes. It may be that this is the case, although oi late there has been a marked decline in enthusizsm for the usefulness of peaceful nuclear explosions; but will Pakistan helieve that India is acting in good faith? Many people must be afraid that India is in fact in the process of developing a nuclear arsenal—and that fear is not confined to India's enemies.

A major initiative for nuclear disarmament is now needed, or we will enter the second balf of this decade facing the prospect of nuclear weapons spreading all round the globe, making the NPT, in retrospect, little more than a fine but useless piece of paper. We mast act soon for there is less time left for action than we would like to think. Yours sincerely,

DAN SMITH. General Secretary, Campaign for Naciear Disarmament. 14 Gray's Inn Road, WC1,

Sale of church

treasures

From Mr W. E. Ames Lewis Sir, The President of the Society of Annouaries and the other signatories of the letter which you printed yesterday (May 21) have disregarded the local interest io treasures in local churches. The trustees of these treasures are not some vague national-sounding body called "the Church", but are local people: the incumhent, the churchwardens, the parachial church council. As trustees parochial church council. As trustees they must use the property in accordance with the trusts attaching to it: trustee who is free to have regard to national interests. Unless there are unusual trusts, the primary concern of the local trusts in this respect will be the worship of God in their parish.

parish.

If it so happens that one of these treasures is being sold, then it is the duty of the local trustees to look after their parish by selling for as good a price as possible. If national interest is jeopardized by the sale of the treasure, then that oational interest must be protected, but it is right that this should be at the expense of national funds. The proposals put forward in the lener must posals put forward in the lener must not be allowed to move towards nationalization without fair compensarion.

Yours faithfully. W. E. AMES LEWIS. Watermans. Ewburst Green, Robertsbridge, Sussex.

Christians in E Europe

From the Reverend Hugh Wilcox Sir, Archdeacon Pawley's crincisms of the British Council of Churches (report, May 14), though reflecting a fashionable view, do not accord with the facts.

Quite rightly the British churches

are concerned with Southern Africa. The regimes there claim to be bulwarks of "Western Christian civilizanon", and this alone, apart from British involvement in the area, makes it a matter of priority for those concerned with the integrity of Christian faith and mission to challenge this heresy. Christian concern for the persecuted in Eastern Europe and elsewhere can only he voiced with integrity by those who have obeyed the evangelical injunc-tion to take the hearn out of their own eye first.

The concern of the British Council of Churches for Eastern Europe is o matter of record. The council has frequently expressed its concern at the barassment and persecution of the darassment and persecution of Christians. Jews and others in Eastern Europe, and in the context of the European Security Conference has declared that "there can be no real peace without human rights". The most recent council meeting paid particular attention to the plight of Czechosłovak pastors under pressure at this time.

rounder pressure at this time.

For the last two years an expert group chaired by Sir John Lawrence has been at work on a conntry by country analysis of religious conditions in Eastern Europe. The report, written by the Rev Trevor Beeson and envirled "Discretion and Valour", is to be published in the autumn. It is to be hoped that this will provide both the information will provide both the information and the occasion for widespread dis-cussion in the British churches. Yours faithfully, HUGH E. WILCOX, Assistant General Secretary, British Council of Churches,

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Competitive backgammon

10 Eaton Gate, SW1.

From Mr Stephen Raphael From Mr Stephen Raphael

Sir, In its annual report the Gaming
Board has singled out the growing
popularity of backgammon as an
ominous sign on the gaming horizon.

The board goes on to suggest that
the game has been "stimulated by
skilful publicity" emanating from
clubs which have staged tournaments.

ments. It would perhaps be appropriate to draw a comparison between bridge and hackgammon. There are many thousands of hridge players who regularly play compentive bridge for so stakes, yet if they should play rubber bridge then those stakes would be minimal would be minimal.

The fact that several bridge tour-

naments have received generous sponsorship and considerable publicity has done nothing to change the pattern we have ontlined above. In our opinion the same pattern can confidently be expected in backgammon where in a series of tournaments a competitor risks nothing other than a nominal entrance fee. It seems imaginative indeed to consider that the next step would be a headlong plunge into the world of hardcore sampling.

gamhling.

It would appear that the Gaming Board hava a genuine concern for what they call a publicity programme for casinos. Quite obviously no ona for casinos. Quite obviously no ona would wish to embark upon a programma that the Gaming Board felt was ill advised. Bnt isn't it somewhat strange that a game which the public has taken to and which is a game of undoubted intellectual skill should be suppressed?
Yours faithfully.

S. F. RAPHAEL British Backgammon Association 1 Chesterfield Street, W.1.

Tinners' Parliament

From Professor O. Hood Phillips, QC From Professor O. Hood Phillips, QC Sir. Professor Pennington in his letter (May 23) rightly commends the china Clay workers of Cornwall for attempting to express their disagreement with Parliament's anti-inflation legislation within a legal framework. Unfortunately for them, bowever, the substance of their legal claim is through Even if the vecent claim is ansound. Even if the recent meeting of the Tinners' Parliament ar Lostwithiel was duly summooed and presided over by the Lord Warden of the Stamaries or his Vice Warden, it appears that the Charter of Henry VII (1508) as quoted by Professor Pennington was intended to refer to statutes, acts, ordinances, etc made by the King in Council and was not intended to apply to Acts of Parliament. Yours faithfully. O. HOOD PHILLIPS. Faculty of Law University of Birmingham

Birmingham, May 24.

SOCIAL NEWS Forthcoming

The Queen will open the new head-ouarters of Edinburgh City Police and Miss Mi-M. J. Hubbard nn July 2. nn July 2.
The Duke of Edinburgh, as president of the British Amateur Athletic Board, will present the London Athletic Club Centenary Andrew Carter and the Sypu Abrahams Memorial Temphy to Miss Verson Respund at Trophy to Miss Verona Bernard at Buckingham Palace on June 6. Princess Aune, us president-elect of the National Federation of Ynung Farmers' Clubs, will attend the Royal Show at Kenilworth, on

Birthdays today

Most Rev G. A. Beck, 70; Mr Edward du Cann. MP. 50: Earl Fitzwilliam. 70; Sir Leslie Glass. 63; Mr George Isaacs, 91; Lord Mackintnsh, 86; Mr Andrew Mac-Lareo, 91; Sir Leslie Minison, 62; Professor Stuart Piggott, 64; Dame Mary Railton, 68; Mr Geoffrey Rippon, QC, MP. 30; Sir Robla Rowell, 80; Mr Juüan Slade, 44; Sir Claugh Williams-Ellis, 91.

Dinner

Lady Ballantrac
The Lord High Commissioner and
Lady Ballantrac gave a dinner last
night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among the guests were:
The Dake of Athol; the Marnuss and
hard and Lady Hog. Set James and Lacy
Montenth Grant, Pames Nagao Maria, Mit
and Mrs Donald J. Survar, the Res D. F. M.
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University news Oxford

Cambridge Awards and elections :

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East Auglia Judy Fletcher, professor of com-parative literature at the School of Europeao Studies, is to be pro vice-chancellor from July in succession to John Jones.

25 years ago From The Times of Friday, May 27, 1949 Royal freemen

Royal freemen

From Our Special Correspondent
Belfast, May 26.—Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinhurgh
have today received a right royal
welcome in many parts of this
great city through which they bave
passed. This morning they were
presented with the freedom of
Belfast, and thousands nf citizens
who had thronged Donegal
Square, in the centre of which
stands the City Hall, heard broadcast a loyal and affectionate
speech of welcome by the Lord
Mayor and a reply by Princess
Elizabeth which showed bow
deeply the Royal Family appreciates that loyalty and affection so
evident in Northern Ireland today. Tonight their Royal Highoesses attended a state dinner at
Stormont and met leaders of the
public life of Northern Ireland in
the superb setting of the Parliament buildings.

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THURSDAY SAS Trans-Asian Express* SAS Trans-Polar Route

marriages

and Miss M-M. J. Hubbard
The engagement is announced
between Roger, eldest sen of Mr
and Mrs M. N. Pratt, of Badwell
Ash, Bury St Edmunds, and MaryMiranda, eldest daughter of
Lieutenant-Commander and the
Hon Mrs Hubbard, of Moreton
Hall, Bury St Edmunds.

Mr E. H. Arkell and Mrs V. A. Pither The engagement is announced between Edward Holmes Arkell, of Loogdean Park, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, and Vera Anyon Pither, of West Wittering, Sussex, widow of Captain P. J. Pither.

Mr N. B. Christic and Miss C. R. B. Mackenzie

and Miss C. R. E. Mackenne
Toe engagement is announced
between Nigel, son of the late Mr
Bryan Christie, OBE, and nf Mrs
Christie, of 18 St Michael Drive,
Helensburgh, Duobartonshire, and
Catriona, daughter of Captain
Robert R. B. Mackenzie, MVO,
MBE, RN, and Mrs Rowena
Mackenzie, of Meadow Lodge,
Swarraton, near Alresford, Hampshire.

Mr D. J. Farrant and Miss C. Leonard

The engagement is hetween Dennis John, son of Mr and Mrs D. J. Farrant, of Ply-mouth, Devon, and Christine, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Leenard, nf Mill Hill, London,

Mr B. Houlder and Miss S. <u>Mattinson</u> The engagement is announced between Mr Bruce Honlder, eldest son of Dr and Mrs C. A. Houlder,

of Hntton, Essex, and Stella, daughter of Dr and Mrs M. Martin-snn, of Swindon, Wiltshire.

and Miss J. A. Bird
The engagement is announced between Hugh John Hampden, son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Pearson, nf Bramley, Surrey, and Jacqueline Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold Bird, of Gnring-by-Sea, Sussey.

Today's engagements

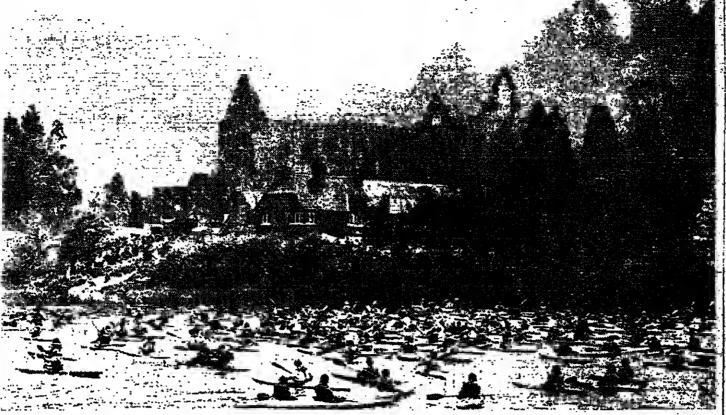
The Duke of Edinburgh attends the Ruyal Televisinn Suciety's annual ball, the Durchester hotel, 7.45. Queen Elizabeth tha Queen Mother attends the festival service of the Friends of S: Paul's, St Paul's Cathedral, 5.25.

The Duchess of Kent, president of the Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association, attends an exhibition of Italian baroque art held in aid of the association, Heim Gallery, 6.30.

Exhibition commemorating the ceotenary of the birth of Gralielmo Marconi, Science Museum, Exhibiting Ruad, 10-6. Lunchhnur dialogue, Jili Balcon with the Rev Joseph McCullock, St Mary-ie-Bow, Cheapside, 1.05.

Caroline Kennedy to work in uncle's office

Washington, May 27.-Caroline Kennedy, aged 16, daughter of the late President Kennedy will be employed for three weeks during the summer as an assistant in the office of Senator Edward Kennedy. About 10 other young people will be similarly employed.—AP.



armada of young canocists arriving yesterday at Tintern Abbey, Monmouthshire, at the end of a 100-mile endurance test down Wye. Three hundred members of British boys' clubs took part in the test, which is an annual event sponsored by their national

New council office block divides a town

heen attached to the ragged staff of Warwickshire's emblem has never seemed the happiest of heasts. It may be imagination, but those which are in evidence io and around the county town appear to be even more doleful these days. these days.

They have some cause, looking as they do upon the increasingly inharmonious increasingly inharmonious nature—to this occasional visitor, at least—of the current state of development around them and the imperceptible but now obvious erosion of much of Warwick's old charms.

Apart from its castle there as always a pleasing "period" flavour about the place, combin-ing as it did an awareness of, but not an excessive preoccupa-tion with, the past and the unhurried pace of a small market town which bad taken the arrival of industries in recent years in its stride. There is still a residue of that

remaining despite a feverish desire in some quarters to envelop it in the anonymity which prevails in Coventry and Birmingham, the dominating cities of the county and region. In the changes that are taking place, Warwick seems to bave place, Warwick seems: to have arrived at an unfortunate stage of its life and to be doing something akin to changing its undergarments in public, thereby disconcerting itself and many of its friends while doing so. In this context there is a sharp division in the town as some question

in the town as some question the propriety of a large new

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to Karachi-Calcutta-Bangkok-Manila-Tokyo

is nearly ready for occupation as additional space for the tr has a cold. city look about

it, as it rears like a great slab on the hillside which torms the approach from the north of the approach from the north of the town, and has succeeded io obscuring all but a few feet of the splendid tower of St Mary's church. It has attracted a good deal of resemment and a recent visitor from Guernsey described it as being a typical Channel Island German wartime defence

He was probably getting a little carried away but the re-mark was an indication of the sort of anger the building has generated.

A local Methodist minister, the Rev Dennis Sanders, fired the opening salvoes against it. He could well have declared an interest as bis church, which is the sort of nonconformist build-ing that tends to glower rather than welcome, stands next door.

Eur nevertheless he says:

"There it stands, dominating the skyline . . . a monument to the rerrifying powers of bureaucracy and the incredible stupidity of ordinary people like us letting them get away with murder. It is an awful warning and visible reminder of the need for eternal vigilance."

Since then matters have been bubbling away with an orgy of invective, the huilding being variously described as "barbaric, ugly and soulless". It has also been used as a springboard

*via Tashkent

Regional report

Arthur Osman Warwick '

for the wider charge that "War-wick is being torn apart at its seams and 'conservation area' are words that have become a hollow joke in the town".

But others, equally furious, have sprung to the building's defence and bave even found a charitable word for the architects. Mr Sanders has not escaped, either. A woman visitor from Leicester thought the huilding was beautiful compared with Mr Sanders's church, which was, she thought, "a hotchpotch of badly kept buildings and old skrubs long past their prime". She considered he was obviously nurrained in aesthetic appreciation and as a Methodist

berself she tartly remarked: "I bope the architect responsible for the design is not a member of his congregation."

Others have said that while

the town ceotre was rightly a conservation area it did oor imply that everything old was sacrosanct. There had to be some replacement and renewal to meet changing needs.

But Mrs Remade Farm corre But Mrs Brenda Farr, secre-tary of the Warwick Society, has summarized a general view by

"One reason why so many people were unaware of the project before it actually application was made in late
July and comments bad to be
submitted io August at a time
when probably the greatest number of inhabitants are on boli-

day.

Although, as has been said, not everyone would consider the building itself without merit, the lesson expensively learnt here is that the designers did not suffi-ciently consider the effect of the huilding in relation to its sur-roundings and seen from all viewpoints, nor did the public demand to be informed accur-ately on this."

Another woman, Mrs Irene Edgerton, bas taken ber objec-tion on another matter involved in the general redevelopment in the general redevelopment of the town to the point of forcing a public inquiry, which is to be beld on June S. She is the sole opponent of a council proposal to stop up and partially fill in the ancient Holloway, cut through rock to the centre of the town.

The Department of the Environment will have to decide on the future of the old road, which was a Saxon underpass, as it were, and was recorded before the fifteenth, century on the Road Roll in the British Museum. The council bas agreed that its original intention was to stop it up completely. This time, however, not everyone was oo holiday when it decided to

Miles, Mestel share first prize in chess

By Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent

First prize in the open chess championship at liford yesterday was shared by two of the most talented younger players in the country, Thuy Miles and Jonathan Mestel, with a score of 51 points each.

Basman, who had been leading until the last round, was beaten by Miles, who took forthright advantage of some unsound opening play in win in 30 moves. Mestel woo a pawn against the New Zealand master. Sarapu and finished off the ending in secure style. stylė.

The remaining prizes were shared between M. Basman, L. S. Blackstock, M. J. Bulford, G. H. James, A. J. Stehbings, and A. H. Williams, with five points each. They were followed by R. Bellin, G. H. Bennett, A. L. Hosking, R. D. Keene, E. M. McCarthy, A. Phillips, A. Pope, D. Sherman and M. Woodhams with 44 points.

High standard at

Derby Show

Indges of the Derbyshire County
Show, being held at Elvaston
Castle, near Derby, said vesterday
that the standard of entries was
the hest for many years. Results
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Mr. D. E. Orman and Miss M. L. Steption
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Varch (Morealer), Charoless; Mrs. M. R.
Ruthardson (Derty), Commercial Bed; Mr.
G. J. Roye (Baron-on-Trent), Shire borkes;
Liomas Lates (Derty).

| Americans meet Italians in world bridge final

The Amaricans, who have been finalists on almost every accasion, have shown stronger nccasion, have shown stronger form than for the past 10 years and a close contest is expected. After the first 16 hoards of the final of 96 hoards, Italy leads 36-28. These figures take into account twn points which the Americans had carried over from their win against Italy in the preliminary rounds, and a three-point penalty imposed on them in the second hoard of tha final.

From A Bridge Correspondent
Veoice, May 27
The world bridge championship has come to what many expected as an inevitable final ioe more confrontation between Italy and North America. In the semi final matches Italy defeated Iodonesia 233—145 and

North America beat Brazil
173—32.

The Italian team contains three members of the original Blue Team, which first won the world championship in 1956 and has never been defeated in an important match since then.

The penalty was due to a technical error, when the players took the cards from the wrong pockets on the replay. North is held responsible for the correct orientation of the board, and the prescribed penalty is automatic. Nona the less, the Americans have lodged a protest which will be considered later in the day.

OBITUARY

MR STEWART ALSOP American political columnist

scores of newspapers for many years, and who then wrote for the Saturday Evening Post and Newsweek. In a country with ont a national press this gave his opinions a weight which the leader-writers of the most famous newspapers could never

His qualifications for the position were his abilities. He knew political Washington intimarely (he wrote a best-seller about it, The Centre). He wrote well and he had a far sounder well and he had many of his outpetitors. Some of them-destroyed their reputations over Vietnam by subordinating their judgment to their pre-judices, as now others are driving their readers away by repeti-tive and bi-weekly rodomantades

against President Nixon.

Alsop did not fall into these errors. He was too moch of an individualist to follow the pack. He was a leader, and reporters the world over are in his debt for such descriptive phrases as "the Irish Mafia", "egg-head", and, over Vietnam, the invalu-able terms "hawk" and

dove. He was one of the last members of the eastern, Anglophile establishments which led the United States into its Atlantic role after the Second World War and helped keep it there. His patron saints were Marsball, Acheson, Harriman and Winston

One of his ancestors, a New York delegate to the Continental Convention, refused to sign the Declaration of Independence and the family maintained affection for things British.

MR DONALD CRISP

Donald Crisp, who directed and appeared in more than 100 silent films before devoting all his rime to acting in the cinema, bas died in Los Angeles at the age of 91. He appeared in more than 400 films and won an academy award in 1941 for his performance as the head of the Morgan family in How Green Was My Valley.

Crisp, was born in Aberfeldy, Scotland, the son of a country doctor. He fought in the Boer War and went to New York in 1906 to sing in opera and to direct in the thearte. It was the present of the thearte. the two-reel films which Crisp produced in New York which caught the attention of the cipema ploneer D. W. Griffith. Crisp directed several of the proposers of the components in the components of the components in the components of the components in the components in the components in the components of the components of the components in the components of the components memorable battle sequences in Griffith's Birth of a Nation in 1915, had a small role in the film, and then appeared in two other Griffith prodoctions Intolerance and Broken Blossoms.

He was one of the many silent to have given the young Charlie Chaplin his first chance in the cinema. He once said that he paid Chaplin five dollars to play called The Little Country Home.
Chaplin himself makes no meorion of Crisp, or the film, in his autobiography.

his autobiography.

Among the silent films which Crisp directed were the Fairbanks versions of The Mark of Zorro and Don Q and Svengali, with John Barrymore. He codirected, with Buster Keaton, one of the grim-visaged comedian's biggest successes. The Navigator.

In 1929 he gave up directing for acting. The description "supporting player", though an honourable one in the cinema, honourable one in the cinema, doas not do justice to his contribution to many notable films. His painstaking and dignified style was seen at its best in romantic and sentimental films such as Wuthering Heights, National Velvei, and Lassie Come Home. He mistook Irishness for Welshness in How Green Was My Valley, but nevertheless it is for the warm authority he brought to the part of Gwilym Morgan in John Ford's poignant film that he is best remembered. He returned to British in 1960 to play the graveyard keeper in Welt Disney's Greyfriars Bobby. His wife, Jane Murfin, the writer, died in 1957.

Professor Enrico Medi, the Italian physicist and former vice-president of Eoratom, has died in Rome aged 63.

Mr Stewart Alsop, who died in 1941 he was reject in a Washington hospital on Sunday at the age of 60 was one of the nabobs of American journalism. He was a Washington political columnist, whose column was published in has the content of many content of m in basic training be was embarrassed when his c Airs Eleanor Roosevelt moned him to tea in American embassy in Li His mother's family belon the Republican branch Roosevelts and deplored his older brother Ic sympathy for FDR and th Deal.

Alsop saw service wit British Army in North and Italy before finally ing to join the American He was parachuted into I shortly after D Day for a

shortly after D-Day for a mission with the Resistant romantic war experiences compounded when he me married Patricia Hanke England They had six ch Alsop died of leukaem contracted the disease in

and survived much longe his doctors expected. H cribed the experience, fi two Newsweek columns an a book, Stay of Exes published last year. The showed that he quite re the inevitable outcome

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and they had four sons.
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garet Simpson in 1927 and
had two daughters. Whel
died in 1961 he married
Hickman.

Science report

Zoology: Ladybirds change their spots

Every schoolboy is familiar with the idea of industrial melanism shown by the peppered moth, held up as a textbook example of evoup as a rextbook example of evo-lution and natural selection in action. Here the normally light coloured moth has evolved a black form which is more common in smoky cities where the white form would stand out against the black hackground and fall an easy prey to bird predators. to bird predators.

to bird predators.

On the face of it a similar phenomenon in the two-spot ladybird, where the normal colouring of black spots on a red ground is reversed, could also be explained in this way. But the ladybird is not under the same selective pressures as the moth to hide from predators, as it is extremely distasteful to birds and its bright red colouring acts as a useful warning signal to acts as a useful warning signal to prospective predators.

causes for this phenomenon, but their cunclusions differ markedly. Dr B. R. Bentham, from the Bolton Institute of Technology, and Dr D. Lonsdale and Dr J. Muggleton, from Mancliester University, point out that the distribution of the melanic forms of the ladybird does not always follow areas of high air pollution and the ladybird has no need to hide from prospective predators.

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tor that would give the melanic forms an advantage in certain cirforms an advantage in certaic circumstances over normal forms.
They examined the idea, first put
forward in 1961, that the frequeocy of melanic forms is determined by the amount of sunstine.
In a cold-blooded animal such as a
ladybird, the rate of metabolism is
determined by the nutside temperature, and so a black animal, which
absorbs and retains beat better than Two papers in recent issues of absorbs and retains beat better than Nature put forward alternative a light coloured one, will be able

Designs sought for college

Dr Benrham end his colleagnes carried out experiments to show that the black ladybirds were more that the black ladybirds were more active than normal ones at 5°C and 7.5°C. On the other hand, Dr E. R. Creed, of the Départment of Zoology at Cardiff, coosiders that the occurrence of melanic forms is linked with intense air pollution although the component of the pollution which is responsible for this has not yet been identified. He cites evidence that the numbers of melanic ladybirds decreases when smoke pollution is controlled, and presents a detailed

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THE TIMES

Mr Christopher Selmes: £21m takover of Grendon Trust.

Grendon 'in

before bid'

Following last year's takeover of the Grendon Trust, the property and industrial group, by Mr Christopher Selmes an interim report to loan stockholders shows that the group experienced a serious financial collapse immediately before the hid.

The report reveals that Mr

Selmes's representatives on the board of Grendon are to he replaced "in the near future" by three outside executives thought to be nominees of Keyser Ullmann, the merchant hank that financed Mr Selmes's £21m take-

Losses in the six months to

Nicholson, Dalgety and Spear &

Jackson. Mr Selmes's bid for Grendon

last September tesulted in a Takeover Panel investigation into crucial sales by members of

the Grendon board. The Duke of St Albans and another direc-

tor Mr J. Bishop were severely criticized by the Panel for their

Frankfurt, May 27.—The Bundesbank said it will reintro-

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By Margaret Drummond

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BUSINESS NEWS

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oss by Swiss ink on foreign change market w put at £62m

rts that Union Bank of land, the largest of the banks, may have lost £20m in the foreign e market now appear to onsiderabble underesti-Tha true figure is reported to he \$150m

n at today's exchange size of the loss has not been admittad by UBS, h it made no effort to e more modest estimates reported earlier. Tha serely said it had incurloss and that it bad d the resignation of its aler, Mr Robert Strebel, lly regarded as one of vorld's most brilliant exchange specialists. true size of tha loss must the scepticism already read in the markets over im that it was incurred ckroom dealers without nowledge of Mr Strebel f, and that his resignation oerely an acknowledg-

The bank is widely believed to have speculated wrongly, buying dollars against the Swiss franc at a time when the Swiss franc at a time when the Swiss franc was appreciating in value relative to the dollar.

Mr Guido Hanselmann, general manager in charge of the foreign division of UBS, declined to comment on the circumstance.

declined to comment on the size of the losses. He said that losses had only been incurred on he had only been incurred on he half of one client.

"That case dates back some weeks and is now materially closed. It has not in any way impaired the ability of the hank to function", he said.

The scale of speculation hy continental banks has caused considerable concern in the world's foreign exchange man.

world's foreign exchange mar-kets and some banks are reported to he refusing to deal with some Swiss banks.

More recently it has been suggested that the Swiss authorities might tighten up on foreign exchange speculetion, possibly through establishing a 10 per cent margin on deposit from clients when they place an order for buying foreign exchange forward.

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Big rise in foreign investments

by Japan

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, May 27
Japan has emerged as one of
the world's four leading powers
in overseas invectments, according to the latest survey conducted by the Japanese Ministry
of Finance.

of Finance.

According to statistics compiled at the close of the past fiscal year, Japan's direct overseas investments were \$10,000m (nearly £4,170m), which puts (nearly £4,170m), which puts Japanese investments on a par with those of West Germany and third behind the United States and the United Kingdom.

Tha latest statistics indicate that Japanese financiers invested \$3,400m in overseas projects last year, and the Bank of Japan estimates, according to past trends, that overseas investments will amount to \$42,000m hy 1980.

As an indication of how Japan

will amount to \$42,000m by 1980. As an indication of how Japanese overseas investments have expanded in recent years, the total amount of investments grew by nearly 450 per cent hetween 1968 and 1972 and was \$68,000m at the end of the 1972 fiscal year.

In many respects overseas investments have been prompted by a rise in cost of lahour and raw materials, difficultias in securing industrial sites and the lack of domastic supply of raw

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Japan's Industrial Benk expects Jepanese investments in developing countries, and especially south-east Asia, to total nearly \$23,800m, or 56 per cent

nearly \$23,800m, or 56 her cent of the country's world-wide investments, by 1980.

Investments in south-esst Asia are expected to grow hy 750 per cent and amount to \$10,500m within six years. Investment in south-east Asia was \$1,200m in 1972.

JC chief backs call for state ency to aid Co-op expansion

ig support for the con-ial proposals that the ment should create a agency to use public for expanding the Co-op jesterday from Mr Alfred chairman of the TUC. He felegates to the annual rative Congress, at its 3 session et Llandadano e idea had trade union

week the Labour Party's l Executive and the Coe Union's tdp policy ee jointly announced ey are to press the nent to creete a co-e Development Agency ines of Labour's former al Reorganisation Corwhich had £150m of ney to deploy in private

et, Britain's 240 retail tive Societies, whose ent's programme.

vilen, in advance of v's discussions, said: are always much than action and the of any govaroment's ss will he made when government and not Lahour Party, announce ency with which they establishment of the is proposed to allocate

bution to make in the way Labour would order the British

An indication that the Co-op bas pressing problems of financing its present buga redevelopment .programme came when the Congress beard that a high level committee bad decided to raise new capital with a customer savings stamp scheme, and a life assnrancelinked national unit loan plan. Co-op funds bave fallen sharply in the past decada as boldings of the 11 million members traditional

bers in traditional share accounts bave been switched to other forms of saving, including building societies.

Mr Duncan McNab, chief executive of the big London Society, who has been leading the special resources committee, told the delegates that a saving re now running at a year, have yet to what role the agency have under a Labour tation in the antumn. Details would be given shortly.

There was an urgency for working capital for store modernization to retain and then improva the Co-op's share of retail trade.

A unit loan scheme to attract longer-term money had been completed, but at present rates of interest its introduction must be delayed until the right time. rates fell, then it would be introduced.

Many other ideas for attracting money had been under opinion, the state study, including the formation

agency would demonstrate for all time that co-operative principles had an important contri-

serious breakdown "in internal financial controls. Auditors of Monotype, another Grendon subsidiary, report that costing records were linadequete.

On top of the fim loss the directors have msde a further provision of £1.4m "against centain assets and contingent liabilities".

Grendon's parent company. CST Investments, stresses that the results cover e pre-acquisition period. Nevertheless three Grendon directors, incloding Mr G. H. Camamile, CST chairman, will resign shortly in fevour of Mr Brian Allen. Mr David Donne, and Mr Jonathan Meanwhila he urged retail co-operatives to plough hack more of their profits into development. Existing share and loan capital bad gone up slightly in 1973 and retentions of profit were at an all time high. Unfortunately 1974 would be a year of beavy increases in expenses. Hence the need which was urgent for new working was urgent for new working

agency, to provide an important new source of funds, and to agree to mergers of 26 big regional societies. These will pool all their resources for the next phase of trade reorganiza-tion in association with the Cooperative Wholesale Society, their central banker and chief supplier of goods.

However, this is still not a sufficient volume gain for Co-op reformers when allowance is made for inflation Conse-quently, the central executive has prepared a new national plan for regional amalgamation

of societies. Co-op fights complacency

Kuwait may bring output

Assembly deputies accused the finance and oil ministry of failing to handle Kuwair's financial reserves to the hest

circumstances, but if the reason for the cuts were removed, Kuwair had to reconsider its oil production level in the light of the world energy crisis. programme includes ens, a second sinter id a second blastfur-

David Donne; and Mr Jonathan Harris. Mr Donne is on the hoard of a number of public companies, including Crest

Tomorrow, the 240 retail co-operatives in Britain will be asked to back the plan for the co-operative development

The Co-op's retail trade last year according to figures given from the platform by Mr Lloyd Harrison the CWS chairman was up by around 12 per cent, one of the best results for years.

back to September level

fall, page 15 very good quality oil per day.
world learned its Further work is planned to
lesson? page 19 evaluate the deposit.—Reuter.

Redemption Notices:

Company Notices: Brazil. He seemingly managed to convert a great deal of people Cedar Holdings Standard and Chartered

tender:



The hoardroom split at Fenchurch Insurance, which is nuder a takeover hid from its controlling shareholder, Guinness Peat, has resulted in legal action by the four Fenchurch directors who are also resulted. directors who are also members of the Guinness Peat hoard. At a court hearing this moro-ing, they are expected to ask to

examine a letter prepared by the remaining directors, advo-cating rejection of the hid, before it is sent to sharehold-

ers.
The four directors include Mr Herry Kissin—shortly to hecome Lord Kissin—who is hoth thairman of Fenchurch and joint chairman of Guinness Peat. The remaining seven directors are headed by Mr John Donner, Fenchurch's managing director. Their decision aging director. Their decision to oppose the terms of the offer as "totally inadequate" was taken after consultation with Kleinwort Benson.
Their full reasons for doing so were due to have been stated

in a letter to shareholders at the start of this week. But on Friday evening Mr Kissin and his colleagues secured an ex

parte injunction preventing the letter from being sent.

Although the history of contested takeover hids is long and hitter, it is still unusual for one side to turn to the courts in its the other—and even more unu-sual for supporters of the hid to claim the right to examine the case for tha defence before it is published.

But in this case the four

Guinness directors on the Fen-church board clearly feel they are entitled to study the arguments being put out in the board's name, and the profit forecast and other assumptions on which these arguments have been hased.

Losses in the six months to September last year amounted to £1m including a provision for a doubtful debt of £504,000 in the security dealing subsidiary. The Hudsons Group subsidiaries experienced "an extremely serious breakdown" in internal financial controls Auditors of Guinness Peat, which made its all-share offer on April 8, already owned 54 per cent of the voting shares and 23 per cent of the non-voters—41 per cent of the total shares.

Egypt signs trade pact with Iran From Our Own Correspondent

Teheran, May 27
Iran and Egypt today signed a protocol worth \$1,000m (£416m) to expand economic and trade cooperation hetween the two countries. The agreement includes Iranian help in the research to the second part of the the reconstruction of Port Said on a joint venture basis, a pro-ject which involves an estimated \$250m (£105m). Egypt will pro-vide port facilities and a commercial and industrial outlet at its Mediterranean ports for

Iranian goods.

Iran has elso agreed to participate in a multinational project for building a pipeline elong the Suez Canal as well as the expansion of the waterway. This project will cost about \$120m (£50m).

The two countries also agreed to develop various industrial plants, including an ammonia plant with an annual capacity of 300,000 tons using Egyptian natural gas and a chemical fertilizer plant will be

duce its special Lombard redis-counting facility at 10 per cent until further notice from tomorrow. Use of the facility should help German hanks to overcome current liquidity set up. Cairo: Iran's decision to invest in Egypt reflects a big improve-ment in relations between the two countries.
It is by far tha largest deal yet

concluded in the post-October drive to unleash the Egyptian economy with the aid of foreign As well as the economic bene-

shortages.

The move was due to the high call money rates on the domestic Germany money market. a Bundesbank apokesman said.

These rosa to between 15 and 16 per cent from 113 to 12 per cent last Friday as banks attempted to stock up end-of-month minimum reserve reserve. As well as the economic benefits Iran hopes to darive from the package with Egypt, the Shah is apparently making a hig political investment. With so much valuable capital at stake, Cairo would have to think twice hefore pursuing a Nasser-style policy in the Gulf, an area of vital interest to the Shah.—Reuter.

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EEC to press ahead with regulations to veto takeover bids

Brussels, May 27

The European Commission is to press ahead with its controversial plans to veto mergers in spite of the opposition they have aroused in Britain and other parts of the Community. This determination emerges clearly from the Commission's annual report on anti-trust policy within the Community

> The report says hluntly: "The Commission is convinced that the process which has been set in train will produce balanced legal rules which will help to maintain effective comperizion in the general interest or the Community."

published in Brusscls today.

Under the Commission's plan which was produced last July, all prospective mergers involving companies with a combined turnover of at least 1,000 million units of account (£415m), would have to be notified to the Commission. The Community's executive hody would then have the right to approve or veto the proposed takeover.

Criticisms of the schema as the Commission concedes in its report, are directed "particu-larly at the fact that advance

at the effects of the regularion on other Community objectives, in particular as regards employ-ment and industrial policy, and at the social protection of workers."

The British Government, for

example, has argued egainst the idea that the Commission should he allowed three months to examine a proposed merger, and examine a proposed merger, and then another nine months to come up with a decision if it has any objections.

This point of view has undoubtedly heen reinforced by the recent Miles Druce-Guest Keen and Nettlefolds case. This long-running merger dispute saga, which was covered by the European Coal and Steel Community's rules, dragged on for

munity's rules, dragged on for almost a year before Miles Druce dropped its opposition to the takeover bid. In the report, the Commission's small but highly skilled competition department makes

it clear that it also intends to remain active in controlling the ahuses of dominant positions under Article 86 of the Treaty of Rome and in more general terms, to help put a brake on rising prices at a time wheo inflation threatens to reach record levels.

Retaliatory action may be taken six months after the hreaking of tariffs previously "bound" by bilateral agreements. Britain, Denmark and Ireland made their first adjustment to the EEC's common external tariff on January 1,

Community tries again to settle trade dispute

From Roger Berthoud Brussels, Mey 27

The delicate problem of how to compensate the United States and other signatories of the General Agreemant on Tariffs and Trade for the enlargement of the European Economic Community may have to be resolved at ministerial level,

The permanent representa-tives of the Nine in Brussels will be trying yet again to thrash out an agreement on trade concessions tomorrow. Their last attempt broke up in failure at midnight last Thursday.

It is thought likely that the foreign ministers of the Nine will have to the first painty.

have to take the final painful decision when they meet—basically to bear Britain's renegotiation demands—in Luxembourg оп Јипе 4. American patience may wear thin before then. The deadline for retaliatory trade measures is now August 31. But prelimi-nary procedures, iocluding

Congress hearings, can take a good two months. month ago Washington officials stepped pressure hy leaking a list of Europeen exports like wine, whisky end refrigerators which might be subject to higher tariffs if ecceptable compensation were not forthcoming.

Under a Gatt article, cootracting parties are entitled to compensation for export losses caused by the formation or

UK finance for Brazil Britain is to finance the supply and equipping of three prefabricated hospitals in

Brazil. The total cost of the project will he £2.3m end the British contribution will be about £2.1m. This will be tha first project financed under the £10m loan agreement which was signed with Brazil in November last

external tariff on January 1, 1974.

The EEC bas moved a coosiderable way to meet United States demands for tariff cuts on American exports to Europe to compensate for increases in the tariffs of the three new member states (mainly Britain), but nobody welcomes keener compedition from United States exports at a time of economic uncertainty and soaring costs.

The main products still cousing problems are tobacco, kraft paper, film and disposable nappies. The crisis-torn Italians have made what they regard as a big sacrifice by agreeing to a reduced tariff for citrus fruits at certain times of the year.

They are prepared to cut the They are prepared to cut the tariff on Virginia flue-cured early tobacco from 15 to 14 per cent and to reduce the maximum tariff charge from 70 to 50 units of account per 100 kg-but the United States wants a still lower figure. On kraft paper, it is the French and Italians who are

most sensitive to increased competition. There is also the problem of whether to give to others treatment as favourable as that given to Efta members,

Meat drivers strike Representatives of the Trans-port and Ganeral Workers'

Union and leaders of 120 refrigerated meat lorry drivers are to meet in Liverpool today in an effort to settle an unofficiel strike now in its third week over pay and conditions. This is holding up supplies of imported meat, particularly mutton, to various cold stores throughout the country

BTA closes two offices abroad to cut losses

By Patricia Tisdall A £250,000 reduction in this year's grant from the Government has forced the British Tourist Authority to close its overseas offices in Vancouver and Melbourne. The authority's promoritoal programme overseas may also have m ha curtailed hecause of shortage of funds.

The cutbacks come at a time of falling tourist traffic, particularly from the United States, where there has been a reduction of about 17 per cent in tha number of Americans visiting Britain.

Britain.

The new allocation to the BTA by the Government hrings its grant revenue to £5.25m although it can petition for extra funds for specific projects, such as combatting the effects of the three-day week, the authority is relying to an increasing extent on contributions from indostry to promote Britain as a holiday destination. destination.

Tha overseas office closures were predicted a month ago by Sir Alexander Glen, BTA chairman, when he said that rising costs mean that without commercial support, there would he no advertising in some countries and it might be necessary to close some BTA offices.

close some BIA offices.

The authority is empecting about eight million visitors to the United Kingdom this year, ebout the same as last year. But earnings from tourists, including fares, are expected to rise from £884m to more than £1,000m.

33 pc drop in building activity

By Malcolm Brown

Building activity in March was 33.2 per cent down on the level for March 1973, eccording to the latest monthly statistics published today by the National Federation of Builders and Plumbers Merchants.

The NERPM survey, which in

Plumhers Merchants.

The NFBPM survey, which indicates merchants' deliveries shows that for the three months January to March 1974 activity was down 19.9 per cent on the previous year. For the second month in succession all the regions showed decreases in the monthly and cumulative figures.

Mr Reg Williams, director of the federation, said that the figures for Merch reflected the continuing downward turn in huilding activity. huilding activity.

"One can only hope that the slightly better picture now beginning to emerge from huilding societies on the supply of morrows." gages, and the signs that sales of existing homes are starting to move, will have a hencficial effect on new construction in the coming months."

Steel problems under discussion Tokyo, May 27.- Japan and the European Coal and Steel

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Community opened a two-day hiannual governmental meeting bere to discuss problems regarding the steel industries. Staple supplies of steel-making materials, including soaring coal prices, and polln-tion problems including techno-logical development preventative devices, are the main topics at the talks, the foreign

LONDON TRUST COMPANY LIMITED

The following is the circulated review of the Chairman The Hon. Edward D. G. Davies.

Thia is the first occasion on which I have had the privilage of addressing ahaseholders as Chairman,

It is fitting, therefore, that I should begin by paying ribute to my predecessor, Mr Robsti Gaorge de Queneville, D.S.O., M.C., who was Chairman from 1950 until last year's Annual Meeting. He guided the affairs of this Trust from the early post-war years with great judgment and skill and we all ows him a Then I warmly welcome Mr Michael Rawlence and Mr Michael Welmen who joined the Board last

Anoths: event last year was our move from the City of London, where we have been since 1839, to our

October. It is already evident that both have a grest contribution to make to our deliberati

ses in Bloomsbury Square. You will see a asproduction of a drawing of our new offices on page two of the report. We share this eccommodation with old friends, River and Mercantile Trust, River Plata and General Trust, and Moorsids Trust. We believe this change of location, together with a trend towards unified management and administrative services, will achieve economies without

The last trading day of our financial year saw the stock market st just soout the lowest point for fourtesn vears. I trust you will agree that the valuation of our invastmenta was creditable in this context. The mance owes much to our policy of incressing our overseas content, particularly in Gold and Oil investments which together amounted to 21% of our portfolio.

Included in our Oil investments are a number of unquoted companies formed for the purpose of exploration and talated activities in the North Ses and other offshole arsss sound these islande.

Wa do not see the role of investment Trusts se confined exclusively to quoted securities. From oms to time, within strict disciplines, we should be prepared to consider providing entreprenaurial capital in the interest of our shareholders, as also of the netton. Much has been written about the abnormally high discounts on which investment Trusts are quoted. The degree to which such discounts are werranted must. I believe, ultimately depend on the performance of investment management over

Obviously with the very high interest rates prevailing for most of our finencial year, our revanue has risen considerably, halped also by our holdings of Government Stock and funds which we have allocated ea becking for our Swiss Frenc loans. From this we are recommending a final dividend of 261% to make s total of 363%. It is our hope that we may be able to increase our dividend each year in an endeavour to counter the effect of inflation on shateholders' well-being. As I write now, it looks very likely that inflation will win this particular race over the immediate future. The strict limitation pleced on the increase in dividends paid by United Kingdom Companies, however successful they may be and not withstanding the resultant distortions to the capital market, will make it difficult to maintain revenue increases on last year's scale.

As to our prospects, it would be hazardous to predict the outcome to the current year. The many problems and uncertainties facing the investment communities, here and abroad, can be analysed and identified. Appropriate action is much more difficult to determine and achievs. However, we must gustd against the very real dangers of exacerbating our existing problems by self-induced overdepressive attitudes, where the sunehine is ignored and only black clouds are seen. We must hope that all sections of the community will strive together to increase production and to use our undoubted netional skills to exploit our weetth of energy resources, both those known and yet to be found, so that this damsging and inghtening rate of inflation may be overcome.

In expressing our thanks to Mr Rolfa and his teem for their loyal and dadicated work during this part year, wa wish them a successful year ahead and trust that this time next year the malaise of 1973 and early 1974 will be forgotten as a mora stable prosperity is established in this country and throughout

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Kuwait, May 27.—Mr Abdul Output up: Oil output in the Rahman al-Atiqi, Kuwait's Middle East during April rose Finance and Oil Minister. 822,000 barrels daily from the hinted in parliamant that oil output might increase eventually up to or heyond last September's level. September's level. Earlier threa National Assembly deouties accused the

Advantage.

Kuwair's oil output is well helow the three million barrels a day of last September, hefore it joined with other Arab producers in cutting supplies.

Mr Atiqi said the reduction should be discussed in the context of political and economic circumstances, but if the reason

about 50 million Americans have

incomes directly tied to the con-

september's level of 22.5 milion according to Petroleum Intelligence Weekly in New York. Coordination talks: Delegates from several member states of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries hegan a series of meatings in Beirut yesterday to discuss coordina-tion of oil prices. New shipments: Sharjah will

ceremony to open the Bank of Sharjah. OECD import forecasts fall, page 15 Has the world learned its

quirements.
The special Lombard facility was last introduced on March 14 at 13 per cent when caff money was between 124 and 13 per cent and remained in force until April 8.—Reutar. AGIP hopes high for N Sea stake Rome, May 27.—AGIP Spa said a North Sea consortium in which it has a stake of about 18 etart oll shipments next month at a rate of 100,000 barrels per day, its ruler Sultan Bin Mobammed al-Qasimi said at a

Blackburn and most notably hy Mr Milton Friedmen, the

January 21. is the widespread use of purchasing-power escalator clauses.

per cent confirmed the importance of the Maureen oil deposit located aboot 250 kilometres north-east of Aberdeen. Unit trust prices A recently completed second well showed a production potential of around 1,600 tonnes of

Allied Polymer Group Audiotronic Holdings Stanley Gihbons International London Trust Company Union Miniere

results of Friday's Treasury hill

lexing gains favour in US fight with inflation heing planned because of the almost every new wage agree-growing use of indexing: ment involves it. ink Vogl on, May 27 This index covers about 45 per Chicago economist. Some experts here suggest eas are being proposed that, taking all social security payments into consideration, cent of the United States populainflation's blows to real tion, while the urban bousehold index will, according to the Burean of Labour Statistics,

"cover about 80 per ceot of the population and will provide a Georgia, calls for an sumer price index.
Int to the 1954 internal code to provide for tics plans to issue The Bureau of Labour Statiscomprehensive measure of contics plans to issue two indexes. sumer price trends for the djustments of personal in April, 1977. The present consumer price index for urban entire economy ". wage earners and clerical workers will he updated and continued, while a broader consumer price index for urban households will also he published. The index for urban wage

Most of the government's top economic policy makers still oppose general indexing, arguing that it does not help quell inflation, but simply builds a high level of inflation into the

Mr Friedman really started the new drive bere for indexing on returning from a visit to

with a secies of articles on indexing, heginning in Newsweek on He wrote that "theory and practice coincide in demonstratng that a true second hest for living with inflation (hest being get rid of inflation altogether)

ve tax brackats can be fully into account. And earners and clerical workers is economy.

It is past time that the United the changes in the cnn already used in wage escalator rice index, the most agreements for more than 5-mil-increasing, led by the trade (learnt, Mr. Friedman said int of reference, are lion United States workers and indient, cangressmen such as Mr. carlier. in Brazil).

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inflation, high interest rates, sharp fuel cost rises, difficulties in pushing rate increases through, delays in approval for

is due this year and \$2,500m

The Government is now seek

ing to speed up approval procedures for new power station

building. It is also encouraging

local authorities to speed appro-vals of rate rises to power com-

reductions arising from the operation of market mecha-

The long-term energy assess-ment report expected to be com-

plered before the end of the year

suggests actions to reduce con-

ou imported oil in the context

The main areas where policy decisions could make an impact are: energy conservation and

demand restraint, more rapid

oevelopment of indigenous re-

sources, improved energy pric-

ing oolicies, and research and

good movies bad their awards.

Of course, every individual bas

his own criticisms of what won

and what did not. This individual, for instance, won-dered why BP's Scotland, a beautiful and imaginative film,

hy Glaxo Farley's God Bless
Mummy and Make Her Good
(ICEM Films, 33 minutes), which

did, had no award for its sensi-tive recording of small children's behaviour and its nicely unemphatic suggestions for handling parent/children con-

There were other innovations this year, including the widening of the category range from nine

solemn about banking; and Leprosy (Balfour Films, 35 minutes) the British Leprosy Relief Association's impressive study of a disease that is still sadly increasing.

As already reported, other

There were other innovations this year, including the widening of the category range from nine to 16. Was it as a result of this oue that there were notably more new faces to be seen than usual? And there was The Times Newcomers Award, which went

of an overall strategy.

development.

Car groups study prospects in S Korea

Guest Keen & Nettlefolds, Associated Engineering, Automotive Products and Girling are among the large British commanufacturers studying olans to set up factories in South Korea to supply a fast developing motor indus-

Mr George Turnbull, former managing director of British Leyland, was recently appointed a vice-president and director of Hyundai Motors, a Korean company which plans to build seven manufacturing plants in Ulsan by 1976. The intention is to pro-

duce 80,000 cars a year. Last night Mr Turnbull said: "There is enormous scope in South Korea for British component firms. This is a low-cost economy with a government which is preparing the way for a big consumer boom led by car

sales.

He said the ineal way to enter Korea was by a joint venture with a local company. I am not suggesting that it will be easy", said Mr Turnbull,
senior management will have to be prepared to go to Seoul to follow up the preliminary work of their teams. It will be neces-sary to guarantee the Korean be a substantial export business. Mr Turnbull has just returned from a five-week visit. He is selling his £90,000 family bome in Warwickshire, and muving to Korea in a few months' time. Meanwhile he is supervising the spending of £17m on British machinery to equip the new factories. Barclays Bank is loaning the whole of this sum to Hyundai. The remainder of the \$25m total investment is being provided by the French Banque de Suez and Korean sources.

intended purpose. Everyone can cite examples of

films that have done sterling work for their sponsors with

work for their sponsors with never a glimpse of an award; conversely some splendidly glossy films have been poor per-formers in the field. And of course the same can be said, in the more restricted, if more glamorous field of feature films. Beighton this rear marked an

Brighton this year marked an attempt by the British Industrial and Scientific Film Association to meet this problem by the introduction into the judging process of "users"—representa-

tives of the types of audience appropriate to the various categories.

US government worried at lack of confidence in power companies

From Frank Vigl Wasbington, May 27

The financially troubled Con-solidated Edison Company is considering legal action-against oil companies, along similar lines to a \$248m (about £100m) action brought by the Long Island Lighting Company on ailegations of being over-charged. The Long Island Lighting Company case charges anti-trust violations and invulves an action for So2m against the New England Petroleum Company in New York State courts and actions for \$186m, in Federal courts, against Chevron Oil Trading Company, Mubil Oil Corporation, Texaco lucorpor-

could increase in number, are unlikely to help America's electrical power coopanies get
The present ratio is thought to
back to full financial bealth.
Serious concern about the
industry, sparked off by the
difficulties at Consolidated ernor of the Federal Reserve

ated and Texas Overseas Petro-

vised downwards from the pre-October forecasts of oil imports

by member countries in 1980.

in the still uncompleted energy assessment report of the OECD

secretariat to be submitted to the Ministerial Council meeting on Wednesday and Thursday.

It said that if international oil

prices remain at or near present levels, the volume of oil imports of the OECD area in 1980 would not exceed that for

Were the results different

from previous years? That is a hard question, but at least there

seemed to be less criticism of

the awards than usual from the assembled film makers, which ought to prove something. Certainly no one quarrelled with the three awards—a gold and

two silvers—that went to the Royal Society for the Protection

of Birds for three excellent films, on any points system the RSPB had a clear lead in the

Then there was High Frequency Fantasia (KM EMI, 13 minutes) a lilting exposition of microwaves (on a 60 octave

sponsor field.

There is always a cousoling thought for filmmakers who come away from festivals without awards—that festival success

out awards—that festival success is not necessarily a measure of the effectiveness of a film for its rether than film folk.

The new forecast is contained

Edison is now strongly being snown by the Federal govern-

Moody's ratings on public utilities bas fluctuated greatly in recent months and there bave been more downward ratings so far this year than in 1972 and 1973

The Government is worried that the utilities may be unable to finance the capital investments needed in coming years if the United States is to get near the goal of energy selfsufficiency by 1980.

A study just published by the

Federal Reserve System suows that at the end of 1973, the ratio of total assets of electric utilities to liabilities was down to 73.3 per cent against 82.8 per cent in 1972 and levels of more than 90 per cent in years before 1966. The present ratio is thought to

Paris. May 27.--Exports of consumption, and increases in and to improve on oil import

imports.
The report noted that the assumptions about the impact of increased energy prices on

energy consumption and pro-

duction in member countries

bave been consistently conser-

demand and increase in domestic energy production may be

larger than the forecasts sug-

The report gave a warning, bowever, that despite the ex-

pected shift in the loug-term

trend, there are a number of areas where policy occisions

Industrial

films

piano) from EMI Varian—top in its category with a silver, which could well have been a gold. And Nolvody's Fault (Millbank Films, 29 minutes) a convincingly irightening fire in a laboratory caused by balf a dozen propole's interaction eligible.

people's interacting slips; and Jack's All Right (Crypnet Films, 14 minutes) a gold for Barclays Bank who are still refusing to be

OECD oil import forecasts fall sharply

the Organization for Economic production of domestic oil and Cooperation and Development other energy supplies which are (OECD) bave been sharply reused as substitutes for oil

about equally caused by reduc-tions in the growth of energy sbort and long-term problems,

There can be consolation in not winning an award

BSC plan to get more scrap proves unsuccessful

By Peter Hill

through, delays in approval for investment projects and increasing borrowing problems, bave combined to weaken seriously all American electric utilities.

Mr Brimmer noted that about \$8,200m of public utility bonds and notes will mature during the 1974-78 period. Just over \$1,000m is due this year and \$2,500m The British Steel Corporation's ecent decision to pay between E3 and £9 per tonne more for scrap to help to make more material available for steelmaking appears to have been only marginally successful. After an initial boost, the increasingly tight scrap situation is due this year and \$2,500m matures next year.

Mr Brimmer said that more than half of the public ntility debt to be refunded during this year and next year carries coupons of less than 4 per cent. The implications of refunding this debt at prevailing rates are quite obvious.

Production at some of the state ateel undertaking's plants has bad to be cut by up to 30 per cent and the corporation is not optimistic for the near future.
Against the background of a worldwide scrap shortage and doubled prices in the last year, the Sheffield area of the BSC's special steels divisim is among the hardest bit, since it relies arrangingly on scrap intensive

extensively oo scrap intensive electric arc furnaces. The Sheffield area plants occid about 42,000 tonues of scrap weekly to maintain full produc-tion, but in recent weeks boughttion, but in recent weeks buighter in snoplies have been between 27,000 and 28,000 tonnes, and stocks for the special steels division are down from their traditional 500,000 tonnes level to about 50,000 tonnes.

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At the BSC works at Sbotton,
Durham, scrap stocks bave fallen
to about 12,000 tonnes from
30,000 tonnes, and weekly deliveries are running at about
1,000 tonnes below normal.

In an effort to boost scrap supplies, the 8,000 workers at the BSC's Tinsley Park works, Sheffield, bave been asked to take part in a salvage campaign and

to bring household scrap Scrap merchants have accused the BSC of not being willing to

to The Cutch that Nobody Wants (World Wide, 26 minutes), the International Cable Protection Committee's attempt to discour-age fishermen from fishing up their cables.

If there is one unarguable fact

about the industrial film area, it is that far too many enterprises

that could use the medium profit-

ably do not yet do so. If the rew award encourages even a few of them The Times will have served the industry and the new-

The 16 top films of the festival

and the two special award winners, will be shown in a mera-

thon screening at the Minema Cinema, Knightsbridge, London.

cn June 13. Admission by appli-cation to BISFA, telephona 01-353 2805.

Eyron Smart

pay bigber prices, although the BSC counters this by claiming development.

The report said there is a strong case for giving bighest priority to efforts for saving that private sector steelmaxers and ironfounders have been ore pared to nay higher prices than the BSC to obtain supplies.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reasons behind dearer off-peak electricity

From Sir Peter Menzies Sir, I can well understand your correspondents' dislike of the National average figures are increases in off-peak electricity as follows (there will be some tariffs; the area electricity boards regret as much as anyone else the need for these increases The reasons for them are, how ever, perfectly straight forward. During the last year the electricity industry has been faced with massive increases in the cost of the coal and oil it has to burn to produce electricity.
The annual fuel hill has increased from £500m to £1,200m.
This increase of £500m bas to be recovered. The cost of the coal and oil burned to produce off-peak electricity has increased just as much as the cost of the coal and oil burned to produce

electricity on the standard tariffs.

These fuel cost increases have added about 0.3p per unit to the cust of producing electricity. Iodustrial and some other consumers are alresdy bearing these increases through the operation of fuel adjustment clauses already in their tariffs. Consistent with the Chancellor's Budget statement, this amount will now be added to the electricity prices in both off-peak and standard tariffs. But because the off-peak tariffs are considerably lower, the increase works electricity on the standard

out at a higher percentage than for the standard tariff. slight variations among the area.

Standard . tariffs .. 0.95p and might

0.45p 0.75p These figures exclude quarterly fixed charges, which re-main unchanged; when the revenue from these charges is included, the overall average increase becomes about 30 per

It should be noted that the differential between the standard and off-peak prices will not disappear, as some of your correspondents believe: it will remain at about 0.5p per unit. These increases ere the direct consequences of the increases which have already taken place in coal and oil prices for which the electricity industry is not responsible.

Yours faithfully. PETER MENZIES Chairman, the Electricity London SWIP 4RD.

Worker participation and the need for objective research

From Dr Frank A. Heller and trated our single countries.

Sir, How are the British people (Government, business and trade unions) going to learn about the effects of different schemes of worker participation? How do we learn about the effect of medical products before deciding on their appropriate use? We believe that a comparative empirical study of the consequences of different forms of participation will produce valu-able and practical findings to guide companies, nnions and egislators.

When Professor Schmitthoff May 21) thinks it has all been done before, be simply demonstrates that we bold profoundly different views on what research is all about. He class reports published by the CBI, the TUC and a colloquium of experts from chifferent countries. Nove of this is research; these are forms for the expression hese are forums for the expression of views, and in the case of institutions, the views are expressed by interested parties with fairly well established policies. Research by contrast is designed to establish new facts by objective procedures and a minimum of value judg-

An enormous amount of literature on participation and industrial democracy bas been published and the eighteen social scientists-involved in pre paring our multi-national study have contributed to this discus sion as well as to the research over the last decade. What has peen done so far is not enough Research (in contrast with mere discussion and description of legal provisions) has concen-

while comparative studies have tended to be descriptive rather than analytical and quantitative. Nevertheless, ... the reavailable literature is valuable and should be used. The report cited by Professor Schmitthoff for instance, do not take account of all the relevant evidence now available.

Much more objective research, bowever, is needed and we feel that we may now receive the necessary encourage-ment and support which was previously missing. Library research can be done without research can be done without
the willing cooperation of the
parties concerned, but the evidence we need can only be
obtained from painstaking work
in the field, and for this we need
the innerest and help of trade

unions and industry.
Your readers will surely agree that this is not the time to sit back and be satisfied with read-ing second-hand reports about third-hand evidence. The time has come to welcome practical research on problems of current interest.
Yours faithfully,

FRANK A. HELLER, Tavistock Institute of Human Relations, The Tayistock Centre, Belsize Lane, London, NW3, MAI:COLM WARNER, Professor of Organizational Behaviour, Administrative Staff College,

Henley. PETER ABELL Reader and Director of Research, Industrial Sociology, Imperial College of Science and Britain's poor gold standard From Miss Judith Baniste

BY THI

Sir, Quite rightly the standards (800 and 830) t many continental co-instead of or as second to higher silver standard as our own sterling (925): to be described as silver they are allowed on 5 Britain Bext year (1

May 17).
Yet we in Britain pen the entirely inaccurate c tion of 9cr as "gold". doxically, on the Continer (58.5 per cent pure) is the gold standard allowed, menting the 18cz (75 pe gold that has been per here since 1798, and th rarer but ancient 22ct (9 cent) standards. With a mere 9 parts

(ie, 37.5 per cent cent) of the rest being silver and in varying proportions, si is misleading to call 9ct name of its most precion stituent when it does no prise as much as half the As a quick price community the price per gram ri about the same amount carat measure, so that metal content of a pi jewelry in 14ct (not th cost) will be approxi 20 per cent more than a in 9ct.

Even in these gold-ext days it seems a small pr getting jewelry made mt what it purports to be.
Yours faithfully,
JUDITH BANISTER. 20 Marlborough Gardens Lovelace Road Surbiton, Surrey.

Air services

From Mr Derek Purcell Sir, Mr Watts, the chief rive of the European divi British Airwaya (Letter, 16) is "at a loss to kn what grounds Mr Towl claim that the servic summer for business ic to Europe is far than it used to be ". B position is not likely shared by any user of the tables published by Mr.

British Airways used to not only their own flight also those of their partn international routes; thus were two flights a day from chester to Paris and, to question with which I happen more familiar, nine from I

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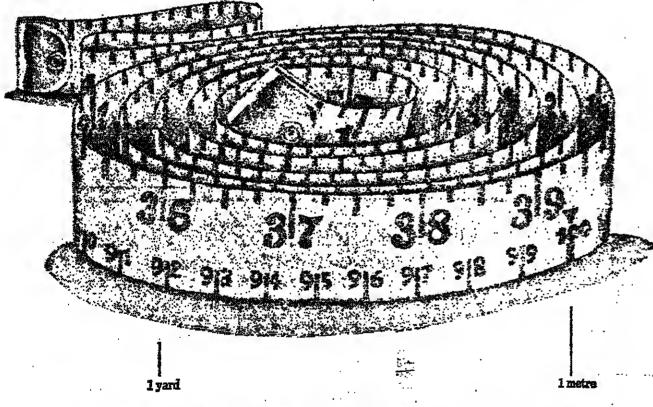
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th Brussels. In the current timetable ever, only the British A flights are sbown-one from Manchester to Paris, Towler says, and five London to Brussels. Also missing from the timetable are all indicatithe existence of a west L air terminal, and all inforrelating to fares. As a result, it comes from 178 pages to 66 pages this is all another out, like the downgrading

out thought for customer.

Yours faithfully, DEREK PURCELL,

Measuring and the metre.



Ametre is about 3 feet 3 inches.

Virtually every country in the world is metric, or, like Britain, is changing to metric now. Under the metric system the metre is used to measure length. Pronounced 'meeter,' it is increasingly being used for measuring things like floor tiles, timber, furniture, bedding, dress patterns, sewing thread and adhesive tapes.

When you buy a metre you get a little more than if you buy a yard. You will be able to buy half-metres

and quarter-metres just as you now buy half-yards and quarter-yards.

There are 100 centimetres in a metre.

Where to get more information. More information is available from your local Trading Standards Officer or Consumer Protection Officer (Inspector of Weights and Measures), from your Citizens' Advice Bureau or your local Women's Institute or Rural Community Council.



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Laskys in talks to set up link with Dutch

Negotiations are in progress between Laskys, the retail sub-sidiary of the Audiotronic audio equipment group and a potential partner in Holland. The link would give the group its first retail opening in the EEC. Mr Derek Smith, Lasky's joint man-aging director, foresees consid-

aging director, foresees considerable expansion possibilities in the Dutch and German markets.

In Britain the group is embarking on an extensive High Street, expansion programme. All the group's 24 retail stores are to trade under the Laskys name with an integrated design style. A further four stores are to be opened this year, and by the end of 197S the group expects to have 50 stores in operation, mainly in town centre

The programme follows the merger in 1972 of Laskys Radio with G. W. Smith (Radio), and last year the acquisition of five sbops under the F. Cave name and two trading within the Adler company.

Company.

The group is moving away from straight discount trading and aims to offer more customer service. By the end of 1974, all stores will have demonstration equipment installed.

Laskys is also widening the variety of oroducts stocked to include more mass market consumer items, including oocket realculators and transistor radios.

The group reports that sales during the first three months of 1974 were 30 per cent up

BASERATE

Cedar Holdings Limited Bankers announces that with effect from Tuesday, 28th May, 1974 its BASE RATE will be 12%.



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THE TIMES THURSDAY MAY 30 1974.

Time for decisions by Mersey bondholders

ecurities of the Mersey and Harbour Company— ent with a bittersweet not normally associated stock Exchange listings, gives the 35,000 or so olders their first chance le since the quotationa of I Mersey Docks and Har-Board stocks were sus-i in the wake of this 1970

e then stockholdera have te withdrawal of one Bill ed to reconstruct the ed to reconstruct the
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r and the preparation,
on and eventual amendif a Capital reconstruction.
With their new debennow worth a nominal 40
ent of the original ones,
mptation for holders to
eir losses and forget the
unhappy episode must be

y holders, particularly ones, may have no per-prion but to realize what cash they can. But for ess desperately placed, a judgment is necessary. Inly must they decida it to hold or sell: they ilso decide what to hold lat to sell.

in place of the old debenstockholders now have in possession two types of y, each totally different finaocial characteristics te otb€r.

ne other.

the one hand, they have new written-down debenessentially the original in a slim-line form. On the control of the units: one 10p share cable linked with £1 nom-f redeemable, unsecured

new debentures will ess trade at a discount on up debentures, given woeful antecedence and entup selling pressures, ace they find their level hould move in line with rket, unless—end it is an ant proviso—anything is which significantly the outlook for tedemp-

one extreme, that could Mersey Docks going bust At the other, more plauextreme, it could mean-alization. It is admittedly d to put nationalization as an argument for a stock. But then we ealing with an onusual

tever the Labour Govern-precise plans for the may be, it is important to ther that many of today's ers espoused the bondcause strongly in 71 as a means of opposing onservatives' lame duck Nationalization provide a pretext for g the savage effects of 71 Act which made the own necessary.

selling can count on they should remember to they should remember to the of that other lame to the sharee Rolls-Royce - whose less" equity was picked bundles by nostalgic ans and proved the best cut to be made in 1971. ver, the problems iuin assessing the debenrc as nothing compared problems of evaluating stock/share units. For irony of the situation is vestors who originally to the old Board for ilt-edged security now



George Brimyard, joint managing director of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company: evaluating the new stock/share

for the High Court amendment permitting partial redemptions. The position now is that the company can be obliged to pay stockholders up to £1m a year under a formula related to net profits and hand resources.

under a formula related to net profits and liquid resources. Profitability on the scale necessary to activate this formula may seem a long way away today. But the effect of the reconstruction alone could see the company some way back into the children. into the black this year, espe-cially if the Seaforth grain terminal opens and the recent increases in charges do not cause too great a fall-off in traffic.

Even if its capital structure were reasonably conventional, the company would be one of the most highly geared, financially and operationally, in Britain. As it is, the terms of the capital reconstruction have had the effect of building gearing on to gearing. Marginal swings in operating revenue or costs will now decide whether the new units earn nothing at all or es much as 5 per cent of their nominal value by way of

ennual redemptions.
Nor is that all. For the amended scheme requires that the net proceeds of any property sales should also be applied to redeeming the stock. Redemptions made in this context, unlike those related to profits, are not subject to government yets. Thus if the conprofits, are not subject to government veto. Thus if the company succeeds in selling its South Docks site, or makes a turn in moving from the Port of Liverpool Building to new premises, stockholders could enjoy a substantial, unexpected. acceleration in their redemp-

As if the Bank of England has not had enough on its plate with the problems of our domestic financial institutions, it has now had to face up to a nascent crisis of confidence in the Euro-dollar market, with some Swiss banks in particular advising their clients to move their funds to allegedly safer havens.

Given the importance of Lon-

vestors who originally to the old Board for lit-edged security now lemselves bolding the tentially volatile paper receive a Stock Exquotation.

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before any of the prior-ranking debentures had been redeemed. Given that the company's entite land and buildings are valued at only £23m, and that the pitfalls on the road to profitability are still considerable, the realistic range of expectations for the new units is more

But it is still wide enough to auggest that holders would be ill-advised to sell if, as expected, the units start their life this week on a penny-stock basis. Their faith has been acrely tested in the past, but patience now could be re-warded.

New issues

Stagging and the law

The conviction of two brothers at the Central Criminal Court last week on charges relating to stagging made history. Never before had a case of this kind come before a court and the judge rightly described it as a test case. Whether the verdict is as significant for the new issue market as it appears is enother matter, however.

enother matter, however.
It will certainly not stop atagging operations and, indeed, it was never the contention of the prosecution that the act of stagging was itself criminally dishonest. What was in question was the way the brothers, Mr Monty Green and Mr Alan Greenstein, had financed their stagging operations.

A certain amount of stagging

is, in fact, widely regarded by issuing houses as a desirable accompaniment to the launch of a new issue. Those investors like the two brothers who apply for and obtain shares in an issue purely with a view to selling them on the first day of dealing do so only on the assumption that the shares will rise above the issue price and they will make e quick profit. But the resultant flow of stock on to the market has the useful function of encouraging an ective secondary market while enabling other investors to acquire stock who could not earlier get an allocation.
Difficulties arise when the

stags finance their operations on bank borrowings. Applica-tions for stock, which are fre-quently inflated to allow for scaling down in anticipation of over-subscription of an issue, bave to be accompanied by a cheque to the full value of the application. In the event of an oversubscription, the issuing bonse returns the surplus payment together with the allocation.

The court's ruling makes it plain that it is criminal for an investor to write a cheque which is not covered by funds in the bank, but assuming the cheque is covered, or that an overdraft has been arranged still no objection to stagging itself.

In view of the court's decision one can now expect to see the banks clamping down bard on this practice, and, consider-ing the potential scope for abuse that it created, it is certainly in the banks' best interest to do so.

What the verdict ultimately means is that this potentially dangerous loophole, in e field in which the law's position had not previously been made clear, her pay have been deed to be the clear that the clear has been been deed to be the clear that the clear tha has now been closed. It will unquestionably become harder for a would-be stag to operate on borrowed money, particu-larly in the present lending

But that is quite distinct from predicting the star's demise. At present, it is easier to forecast an end of the new issue market itself than of those who make e nimble profit

Oil: has the world learned its lesson?

In the summer of 1859 Colonel Peter Hill and Edwin Drake, a railroad conductor turned prospector, arrived in Roger Vielvoye Titusville, Pennsyivania, to test the theory that water-drilling examine the techniques could be used in the search for oil. Within a few weeks his well had reached a depth of 69.5 feet and crude oil began to bubble to the surface at a rate of 30 barrela a day.

From this humble beginning grew a worldwide industry CIISIS dominated by seven large multinational corporations controlling the bulk of the world's oil reserves. Their activities extended from exploration to transportation, refining and marketing of the multiplicity of products derived from crude oil.

Apart from the nationalization of British Petroleum's Iranian operations in the 1950s, the position of the big oil com-panies remained largely unchallenged until the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) began to test the strength of the companies et the end of the last decade. As the energy marker began

to change from one of surplus to scarcity, the companies were surprised to find that they were obliged to surrender to the demands for higher prices from the governments of the oil-producing nations. The OPEC states were encouraged by the lack of negotiating strength of the companies and were equally surprised that the larger industrialized countries gave virtually no support to the oil companies.

The pressure was maintained and cuminated in the quadrup-ling in oil prices and the supply crisis of last autumn in the aftermath of the Yom Kippur war. The restrictions on oil produc-tion have accelerated far-reach-ing changes in the balance of power, in the relationship be-rween oil producers and their customers, and have emphasized

forces which produced the energy and pose some urgent questions for the future

the basic insecurity of the world's oil supply pattern.

In addition to restricting supplies, the producers excluded the oil companies from price-fixing negotiations and proceeded with two massive price rises which have thrown the international trading accounts of the world's hizeest oil-importing the world's higgest oil-importing countries into the red and posed even greater problems for the leveloping nations.

At the same time as they wera forcing up prices and disrupting the world's oil supply network, the oil-producing nationa nsed their new-found negotiating strength to obtain a controlling interest in the activities of companies operating in their terri-tories. The concept of partici-pation is at the heart of the ambitions of members of OPEC, and while significant advances have been made in Kuwait and Qatar, the vital issue of the of state involvement in American-owned oil concessions in Sandi Arabia remains to be

Without the restrictions on output by the Arab countries, it ia unlikely that OPEC would beve been able to introduce its second crippling price rise in

December last year. While production has been restored to pre-Ccrober, 1973. levels and the embargo on deliveries to the United States has been lifted, the producers will never again allow their joint output to rise to the point where crude oil is in surplus and prices are consequently eroded.

The crisis of last autumn has raised doubts about the wisdom of unfertered expansion of the world's shipbuilding industry, particularly the construction of tankers. Output of the industry worldwide has been expanding at an annual rate of about 10 per cent with a huge expansion of capacity particularly in Japan and to a lesser extent in Europe. Shiphuilding has in recent years hecome increasingly attractive as a primary industry for several developing countries and the efficacy of such policies must now be questioned. The possibility of the Suez

Canal being reopened has placed the snipping industry in a further quaodary. Its closure prompted the sharp increase in tanker sizes and the fact that tankers carrying Middle Eastern crude had to nasa south of the

Cape of Good Hope added a further £250m to Britain's

Size of tankers continued to increase throughout last year which also saw the emergence of the ultra-large crude carrier of more than 400,000 tons dead-weight, and with approaching 75 per cent of the current world order hook for merchant ships accounted for hy oil tankers there is now a real prospect of substantial over-tonnaging in the second half of this decade.

Shipowners face not only the prospect of a growing demand for tankers designed to transport refined products rather than crude oil, but also vigorous competition from the national fleets heing established by the oil-producing nations. The growth in fleets of products tankers owned by governments in the oilproducing countries follows the increasing trend towards the construction of very large oil refineries close to the oil fields of the Middle East and Africa.

Apart from the increased value of refined product exports, the development of large volume oil refineries will provide these countries with the basic feed-

stocks for the establishment of petrochemical industries. Iran is already well edvanced in this field and Sandi Arabia bas recently announced new joint refinery projects with Shell and Mobil that will provide a firm foothold in the petrochemical

At a time when energy is in short supply the inefficient way in which society uses its evailable resources is at last beginning to attract the attention of governments. Huge savings can be achieved if the right policiea are fixed by central government and serious attempts are made

dent use of resources. Conservation of energy supplies should, however, not take place at the expense of improve-ments in the environment which bave occurred over the period 1963-73. Conservationists were among the first to emphasize that the world's energy and mineral resources were finite and were being used in the most inefficient and wasteful fashion.

to educate consumers in the pru-

It would be unfortunate if It would be unfortunate if their other warnings on the danger of pollution were forgotten when the validity of their arguments on the use of resources has gained wide scale ecceptance. In the next five years fundamental changes in the total energy and transportation nicture must emerge. It is tion picture must emerge. It is of vital importance that the lessons of the supply crisis of 1973-74 are learnt. Failure to implement a planned develop-mant of all energy resources will expose the world to far greater consequences in the next decade.

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Maurice Corina looks at a revived merger campaign as ...

The Co-op fights complacency

A rather intellectual introduc-A rather intellectual introduc-tory address yesterday from Mr Max Wood—it was peppered with quotations drawn from such sources as the Earl of Rosehery, Marsball McLuhan, and Robert Browning—might have misled observers at the annual Co-operative Congress in Llandudno into believing thet the assembled delegates are still dreaming of times past. times past,

But their president (who is the Co-op's "man in Whitehall" and sits on the Retail Consor-tium) knew well enough thet everyone bad arrived with a rather important document in bis seaside luggage. This is going to spark some fierce discussion over the next few days. It is a slim 12-page.

stark : official submission en-titled Regional Plao 2, for which the Co-operative Union's central executive will be asking an overwhelming vote of approval. Six years ago, after quite a battle, 567 tetail co-ops round Britain agreed to a bluepriot for merg-ing into 55 regional societies on the theory that bigger was better.

While take-overs end friendly amalgamations quickly followed the 1968 plan, the pace of mergers bas almost haited in the past few years. And, with still 240 societies, national leaders now want another big drive. Now 26 regional retail group-

ings (21 in England and Walea and five in Scotland) are pro-posed to bandle the next phase of the Co-ops' dramatic fight back in the High Street. The revival of trade bas now begun to disturb competitors, who expanded rapidly in the 1960s while the Co-op slid towards the

brink of financial disaster, solved in the original recovery supremo, is still fat from control to do.

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of the tide, with more funds washing through the tills, has prompted complacency in the boardrooms of many local retail societies, still jealous of their independence and not feeling quite so severely the economic pressures that were so intense when trade was stagnating, or fast decreasing in volume terms. Regional Plan 2 is intended to stimulate again the urge to merge—but this time from stronger positions and in a more planned way.

Delegates will once again bear the familiar arguments for pooling their capital resources, central supplier, manufacturer, central supplier, manufacturer, management development schemes, and buy-

ing arrangements.

It will be pointed out that a 12 per cent rise in sales to over £1,500m last year (the official figures are withheld until the close of the Congress) is the hest result in years, e continuation of the 1972 imprograms of 8 per the 1972 improvement of 8 per cent, and evidence of benefits from past reorganization. And this is still not good enough in volume terms, even if

balf the movement's shops have been closed down since 1966 by necessary rationalization. Capital may be flowing back again and reserves rising, but there is a buge development programme based on bigger and better sited stores still far short of reasonable targets.

There is some strong opposi-tion to the new mergers plan. Many of those which have re-

one sceptic, Air I. R. Edmoo-son, chief executive of Ipswich Society, bas done some figuring which shows that the best per-formets in terms of profitability and sales gains tend to be medium-sized societies with f10m to f20m turnover, when the regional plan proposes re-groupings into 27 giants with sales ranging up to £149m a year. However, national leaders will point to the North-East and Lan-

castria regional societies, where desperate trading situations have been transformed by

and banker to retail societies will plead for the plan's accept-ance. Less clear is the attitude of the professional management, where the belief in a national retail society remains stroog.

Delegates will be beating from Mr Alfred Sugden, who is about to take over as CWS chief executive from Mr Alfred Wil-son, who has just turned in a 39 per cent rise in pre-tax profits in 1973 on top of an even more dramatic advance the year be-The CWS's own internal te-organization has been highly

poblicized and its belp to retail societies in stimulating new trading methods (such as joint marketing, replacing stamps for dividend, standardized shopfir-ting, quality controls, a uniform trade symbol, and financial aid) has been rewarded in terms of wholesale trade and buying

deals. Of course, Mr Wilson, the

problems in pushing the move-ment into further reforms.

The CWS regional warehousing plan bas gone awry because too many retail societies still want to exercise full buying freedom. Now an incentive dividend will be paid oot to retail societies for using CWS ware-bouses, based on their scale of stock orders.

Even bigger is the beadache of sorting out Scotland, where the once separate Scottish CWS collapsed last year when its banking department became over-extended on about £209m sterling certificates deposit, losing nearly f12m in spite of clearing bankers' help in the subsequent rescue operation.

The central leadership's pre-occupation with trade reforms has naturally left the Co-op's active members and the political wing somewhat bewildered in recent years. But they are beginning to reassert themselves, anxious that their movement does not fall totally into the hends of a self-perpetuating management bureaucracy, not always so keen on the social

Even in an era when the cry everywhere else is for more participation by workera and consumers, the Co-op, which has lived with it for over a century, can find democracy gets in the way of speedy decision taking. For some years, paid officials bave questioned the wisdom of the Co-op's political alliance Lahour. However, the something of a coup on which top managers are strangely This is last week's joint agreement with the Labour

political side bas just pulled off

Party for the Government to create a Co-operative Development Agency, deploying State funds in the modernization drive as well as financing an extension of Co-op ownership to industries and services outside existing interests, which are already wider than many people appreciate (ranging from banking and insurance to botels and percel restribute).

perrol retailing).

The use of State funds for Co-op expansion is to be dehated this week, but societies will be urged not to postpone action on the regional plan in the belief that if they wait State loans and graots will be made available to lubricate new reotganization. The Covernment has yet to indicate its intentions pending further Labour-Co-op talks.

Meanwhile, with limited capital resources, societies bave made great progress in sprucing up existing shops and in opening new stores. There are now about 100 deep-freeze food centres, and many new "superstores" coming off the drawing board

Price cuts, well promoted, reflect a new muscle power flowing from the national coordination patiently developed in the past few years and, as yet, still not fully reflecting the potential which is seen if Regional Plan 2 becomes more than just a blueprint to be disthan just a blueprint to be dis-carded in botel wastebins when the delegates leave Llandudno and acatter actoss Britain back to their sponsoring societies.

£34,012,000

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£6,482,000

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£1,478,000

£12,360,000

24.3 per cent

Business Diary: Werner, the last summitteer • Women's rites

ple of Luxembourg, of es, made European hisweekend. For the pre-results of the Luxem-eneral election suggest erre Werner, who bes rime Minister of the buchy for several years, in thrown out of office, appleed by a new and epleced by a new and t-wing premier.

er's removal is historic-oriant because it meana last of the 10 men who the declaration of the umit in Paris in Octobet, is been removed from The other nine bave cal change and old aga.
Premier Barent Bisheudefeated last year in the election, being replaced eft-wing candidate. Joop vl. Belgium's leader, Eyskeos, retired to he

I first by the socialist l Leburton and then by tolic Leo Tindemans. In mor Andreotti has given Signor Rumnr. In Ger-Filly Branct bas been re-by Herr Schmidt. In k, Jens-Otto Krag bas I and is now EEC Amt in Washington. Not is Norway changed its ministet, but has also not to join the EEC. ur own islands, Jack was unsuccessful in his



leaders are every bit as com-mitted to the idea of a united Europe as their predecessors, it will take them some time to develop the understanding which led to the idealistic commit-ments of the Paris communique. Of course, when one looks at the practical results of that meeting, that might not be such a bad

Opportunities

The Labour and Conservative Parties are in one of their annual lathers about each other's lamentable performanca in moving towards equal employto win a quick general in moving towards equal employin Ireland, as was Mr
in Britain.

The property of the conservain France, long the conservation in moving towards equal employin ment opportunities for women.

Edward Heath, the Leader of the conservain the conservation in the conservati

a very awkward one), "tive Women's Conference to Giscard d'Estaing bas dare Labour to come up with yer as president from the

Next month, the Prime Minister and Barbara Castle, mother of the Equal Pay. Act, will address the National Conference of Labour Women at Swansea. The conference committee has already described the Tories' processing a size of the conference of th proposals as " inadequate ".

With an election in the offing, and with women making up over a half of the population, the Prime Minister may go beyond rubhishing the Tory record and give some hint as to the pro-posals that Shirley Summerskill, Under Secretary at the Home Office, has promised to lay before the House "by the end of the year ".

The conferences come at a time when both parties are lurching towards some potentially expensive and knotty legis-lation that will (1) increase the cost of women's labour, end (2) Pompidou.

I adds up to a fairly tion Bill and for e powerless opportunities for women in resulting and control of the new sion.

The heat is likely to be kept on even if the Tories are returned at the election. The Tories are unlikely to abelve their admittedly mild proposals. port themselves by wages, the and whoever is in power, the Equal Pay Act, 1970, comes into full force on New Year's Day, 1976.

Unequal contest

The Equal Pay Act, which covers work done by women that is "the same or broadly similat" to that done by men, or where different rated as of equel value by job evaluation, was passed in the last months of the previous Lahour Government when Barbara Castle was Secretary of Barbara Castle was Secretary of State for Employment.

State for Employment.

The Act, eccording to e 1969 estimete, would increase the labour coats of individual firms by anything up to 32 per cent, of industries by 2 per cent in engineering to 18 per cent in clothing, and add between £600m and £900m to the national wage bill.

The Act was attacked by Robert Carr, now shadow Chan-cellor of the Exchequet but then shadow Employment Secretary, as raising tha price of women's labour without at the same tima breeking down the barriers between "men'a" and "women'a"

Nevertheless, it was the first time that a British Government had aeriously addressed what The Times called "a great social evil", since James Stuart Mill bad esked in his Principles of Political Economy "wby the wages of women are geoerally those of men ".

, and moch lower, than Now, over a century later, it does indeed seem as if the poli-

oer of women, than of men, support themselves by wages, the occupations which lew and usage make accessible to them are comparatively so few, that the field of their employment is still more overcrowded."

While in crposition, Labour produced a Green Paper outlioing legislation more stringent than the Tories', and including a commission with powers of compulsion.

In the United States, where a voluntary system proved ineffec-tive, the balance has now swung tive, the balance has now swans towards what Sonia Pressuain Fuentes, a senior official of the Equal Eniployment Opportunities Commission, calls "legislaties Commission, cells "legisla-tioo, hackpay awards, injunctive relief, court actions, criminal penalties, fines, censure, publicity, persuasion, picketing, education. ..."

Perhaps the clearest lesson of American experience is that once passed, equal opportunity laws, like Topsy, just grow as the body of case law develops and as pressure groups pinpoint the loopboles.

Thus, British firms who bave lived with the prospect of the Equal Pey Act since 1970 may feel thet there is no more to be said. But the Act is loosely based upon Convention 100 of the International Labour Office, guaranteeing "equal remuneration for men and women workers for work of equal

And in Geneva only month, the ILO decided to reexamine its "23-year-old control determine to "determine whether the provisions are still

See you in court?

Allied Polymer Group Ltd

1973 Results in Brief Total Sales (excluding sales

by associated company) U.K. Sales **Direct Exports** Group Profit before loan stock interest and taxation

Group Profit after loan stock interest and taxation Earnings per 25p share Capital Employed

Return on Capital Employed

In his Chairman's Statement, Mr. Peter Fatharly highlights the following points:

Sales increased by 25.9 per cent.

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Profit before loan stock interest and taxation increased by 31.8 per cent.

 Exports from the U.K., representing 19.1 per cent of total sales, increased by 47 per cent. Attention has been concentrated on products for markets with substantial demand

Production facilities and methods are constamly being improved.

 Impractical to forecast outcome of current year, but confident that the Group has the resources to finish 1974 as favourably as circumstances permit. Availability and cost of raw materials required will compare favourably with the

materials upon which the operation and profits of other industries depend,

Copies of the Report and Accounts ere available from the Secretary. Allied Polymer Group Ltd., Beacon House, Pyriord Road, West Byfleet, Surrey.

JAPAN INTERNATIONAL BANK LIMITED



Business appointments

Turner & Newall names managing directors tors will he Mr G. L. Toogood (production), Mr N. S. Turnbull (marketiog) and Mr E. L. Wright (administration and finance). Edward Young & Co. Evans Marshall & Co and Taplows become subsidiaries of Hedges & Butler. Hedges & Butler International assumes responsibility for all overseas activities of Bass Charrington Wine and Spirks interests, including Alexis Lichine & Co. The board of Hedges & Butler International comprises Mr S. H. Williams (chairman), Mr R. G. Holloway (managing director), Mr J. M. E. Theo. Mr J. E. Turoer, Mr J. F. Lucquiand and Cdr L. J. Pearson. Mr C. H. T. Johnson has retired

Mr S. Gibbs and Mr C. W. Newtoo have been appointed managing directors of Turner & Newall. Mr P. W. C. Griffith becomes deputy chairman, giving up bis post as a joint managing director. Mr J. K. Shepherd hecomes a deputy managing director, and Mr F. E. Mills and Mr E. P. Gower join the board.

T. Harris (Caine). Mr Christy and managing director of C. and T. Harris (Caine). Mr Christy and managing advisors.

Mr J. C. Brock is to become e director of Brooke Bond Liebig. Mr D. M. Pearson has been appointed chairman of BBA roup on the retirement of Mr F.

Mr H. R. Hall and Mr Charles Mr K. R. Hall and Mr Charles Larkin are retiring from the partnership of Phillips & Drew but remaining associated with the firm. Mr H. M. Harris Hughes, Mr E. V. O'Sudivan, Mr K. E. Pearcy and Mr D. R. Welton Masters are to join the partnership.

Three new directors bave been appointed by Elkes Biscuits: Mr L. Fitzgerald (technical), Mr Peter Macielinski (manufacturing) and Mr Maurice Wood (distribu-tion). Mr J. C. McGoogh is the

Mr A. Farboo and Mr W. W. Watsoo Peat bave been appointed to the board of FMC and Mr A.

P. Christy, Mr J. Corless and Mr D. C. Parrish to the execotive board. Mr A. K. Haines Joins the hoard and Mr. Christy becomes a joint managing director of C. and T. Harris (Calne). Mr Christy and Mr M. A. Skidmore are appointed to the board of Harris (Ipswich) and Mr G. Morley to the board of Marsh and Baxter.

of the company's new non-marine syndicate.

Mr Alao Waters is to take over on Juoe 1 as director of the Building Advisory Service, the maoagement training and consultancy service of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers. He succeeds Mr John Moss.

Pearson Wehh Springbett (Inter-oational) has formed the subsidi-ary Pearson Dalton-Morris to de-velop its marine and aviation accounts. Chairman is Mr M. E. M. Pearson, managing director is Mr C. Dalton-Morris and other directors are Mr D. J. Springbett, Mr C. R. Catt and Mr S. Dalton-Morris.

Mr H. W. Blaovelt has been elected chairman and chief executive officer of The Continental Oil Co (Coooco). Mr Blauvelt, president since March, succeeds Mr J. G. McClean, whn died last week. Dr J. E. Kircher, president of the company's Eastern Hemisphere Petroleum division (which includes all European operations), was all European operations), was elected to succeed Mr Blauvelt as Coooco president and chief operar ing officer.

Mr R. C. Mallatt, manager for environmental conservation, Stan-dard Oil Company (Indiana), has been named to the executive com-mittee of the new International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association.

M. J. D. D. Thompson-Schwab and Mr M. A. Shafran are to join the partnership of William H. Hart & Co.

Mr J. D. Blelloch has been made director of the engineering mining department of the National Coal Board. He succeeds Mr W. J. Currie, who has retired.

Mr F. S. Gibbs has been appointed chairman of GEC Transformers, with responsibility for that company and GEC Rectifiers. Mr J. F. Tulk has been appointed acting managing director of GEC Transformers.

Mr J. H. Williams has been appointed Midland Bank financial services adviser for London and the Home Counties.

Mr R. G. M. Tupper has been appointed deputy secretary and legal adviser to Tarmac.

Mr Kenneth O'Shea has become principal of Barclays Bank staff training centre. He succeeds Mr John Bock, who has been appointed assistant geoeral manager (staff) at head office. Mr David Garlick has been oamed chief accountant of the bank.

Mr E. P. Hall is joining the board of Glanvill Enthoven & Co (Under-writing) on Angust 1 as underwriter

Mr John Sallnow has been appointed managing director of Crowe & Co (London). Mr Trever Rossi joins the board.

Mr C. H. T. Johnson has retired from the board of Decca Radar and Mr J. E. Smith has been made a

Mr P. O. Scales has been appoin-

ted semior managing director of Wheelock Marden & Co and Mr H. W. Leung a managing director following Mr J. R. Lowe's decision to retire in March next year.

Mr Roger Hewitson has becom managing director of Calcomp. He takes over from Mr Brian Higgins, who remains chairman.

Mr Shuoso Ueda has been appoin

ear Shuoso Ueda nas neen appointed assistant general manager (foreign exchange) of Associated Japanese Bank (International) in place of Mr Naomichi Setoguchi, who is joining the Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank, Tokyo.

Mr Dooglas Hughes and Mr James Lang have joined the boards of Atcost (Midlands) and Atcost (Southern). Mr Hughes also becomes e director of Atcost (Northern) and Mr Lang a director of Atcost (Scotland).

Mr E. F. Best has become a director of Rutland Engineering.

Mr J. Crossley has become a director of Teddington Bellows and Mr W. Lintott a director of Robinsons of Liverpool. Both companies are subsidiaries of United Gas Industries.

Mr.C. A. Kyme has been appoin-

Mr Stephen Schaefer has become non-executive director of Lawtex. Mr K. W. Preston has joined the Mr R. L. Wells has been appoin

ted vice-president, Europe region, by the Westinghouse Electric Cor-poration. His headquarters will be

Mr B. W. Haining has joined the American Express Co and the American Express International Banking Corporation as vice-president, personnel, Europe, Ha will be based at the company's European headqoarters in England.

Mr Roger Pane and Mr John Sparrow have joined the board of Coalite and Chemical Products. Mr R. D. C. Hubbard has resigned from the board of The Cape Asbestos Co to become director of finance and administration of Sache & Co (Loodon).

Mr P. A. McKenna, chief engineer, has been appointed engineer commodore of the BP Tanker Co fleet. He succeeds Engineer Commodore J. Sutton, who is retiring from the fleet to take up shore duries with the company.

Mr Geoffrey Farrington, of Crimpfil, has become chairman of the British Throwsters' Associa-tion in succession to the retiring chairman, Mr Tom Fraser, of Chap-man, Fraser & Co.

Mr D. E. Frost, Mr R. M. Widdows and Mr N. E. King are being taken into partnership by Hampton & Sons. Mr J. Steele has become sales director of A. J. Beal.

Mr M. S. Tabor has joined the hoard of Whitbread London as tenanted trade director. ted depoty chairman of Winn Industries. Mr. G. A. Watson hecomes deputy managing director and Mr M. J. Sen finance director.

Sir Timothy Kirson, MP, has been appointed a director of World International Insurance Co, Bermuda.

Mr Jamie Clark and Mr Nichola Chamberlen have succeeded Mr Richard Law and Mr Ien Steers as chairman and deputy chairman respectively of the International CD Market Association.

Hedges & Butler is taking control of all United Kingdom operations of Bass Charrington Vintners, Mr S. R. H. Williams will be chairman and Mr D. G. Messenger managing director. Divisional direc-



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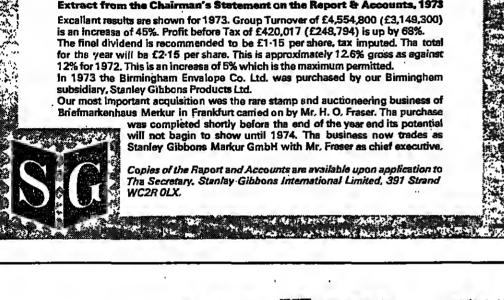
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ofter the date fixed for redemption interest on said Bonds will cease to accrue. Coupons due

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"These results represent a further increase in profits of 51 per cent over the

previous year....

view of the reduction in consumer spending in the second half of 1973. The moving of the group's headquarters provided considerable scope for further expansion and improved

New shops have been opened to Leicester, Sirmingham and, what promises to be the finest audio equipment Additional shops in England and Scotland are to be

opened this year. Group sales for the first three months of 1974 show a 30 per cent increase over the corresponding period

Our net profits continue to improve

Eagle . B. Adler & Sons (Radio TRIO B. H. Morris & Co (Ra THE YEAR IN BRIEF

Audiotronic (Retail)

1973	1972
£000s	£000s
Sales 13,335	8,006
Profit before tax _ 1,902	1,257
Net Profit 902	652,
Earnings per share 9.0p	8-1
Dividends (gross) 65%	30
No. of retail stores 24	14
Selling areas at year end (sq.ft.) 32,145	23,195

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THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

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nent this year, but Sir Hall, the chairman, tes that ecute pessimism justified as yet. He tells olders in his angual rest order books are firm a management is minimize frustrations which bendustrial activity in the he group's overseas earn-pairion is singled out as to remaia souad.

group has adequate finan-sources to fund its invest-in new projects which are id to keep it abreast of lemend and competitios ba longer future. That is show that total capital ed rose lest year from r cant to 20.7 per cent bare capital and reserves

attributable to group share-holders stood at £168.2m, against £148m

Sir Arnold confirms that the Sir Arnold confirms that the bulk of the disturbance caused by the three-day week will fall in the early part of the year. He sees a likelihood of continuad problems with rapidly rising commodity prices and a lack of continuity in supplies.

The three-day week itself passed by quite well, although costs rosa. Sir Arnold again warns thet the group will heve to face the additional heavy cost imposed on UK industry by the March budget.

March bludget
Last year, profits of this
£127m acrospace and engineering company topped £48m,
against £34.5m a year earlier.
Sales rose from £466m to £55.4m,
while earniags a share came out
at 46.6p, against 38.2p.

Standard and Chartered Banking

Group Limited announce that with

the Chartered Bank, is as follows:

annum on balances below £10,000.

On balances of £10,000 or more the

rate of interest is reduced to 10½% per

to 12% per annum.

annum.

effect from the close of business on 24th

May, 1974, Base Rate of its constituent.

Banks, the Standard Bank Limited and

Base Rate decreased from 12½%.

Deposit Rate remains at 91% per

Standard and Chartered

to new peak of £2.3m

rises 9.2 pc

Once again the A. Goldberg & Soos group of department stores, which is based on Glesgow, has achieved record tax-able profits. These for 1973-74 have gous ahead from £2.08m to £2.31m on turnover up from E12.46m to £13.87m. Earnings a share come out at 9.2p, against 10p after a jump in tha tax figure from £827,000 to £1.27m.

Shareholders will receive a dividend of 5.5p, compared with 5.25p on after-tax profits down from £1.25m to £1.04m

The results do not include e cootribution from Room Ser-vice Contracts, or Dansk Mobel Centre, both acquired on Sap-tember 1, es thair financial year ends on Aagust 31.

Because of the three-day week, lighting restrictions, and the energy crisis, turnover and profits were affected in the final two mooths of the year. The fectors continued to affect the fectors continued to affect the first part of the current term, but since April, sales have retorned to their asual pattern. The board points out that the group is facing a year with greatly increased costs in all sectors of expanditure, plus mandatory reductions in gross margins. These can only be offset by greater turnover. set by graater turnover.

A oew store is being opened this autumn in East Kilbride, to be followed by another in Greeaock aarly in 1975. An associete company, Ailsa Sopar-

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The Times

Share Indices

A. Goldberg stores, will start trading in Ediaburgh in July and at Glasgow in the autumn.

Streeters

This year cannot be a growth year for Streeters of Godalming, a Surrey based public works contractor. Measures to deal with the country's economic problems outlined in the previous Government's mini-Budget in December, led to severe cut-backs in public eventium. It backs in public expenditure. It is estimated that 70 per cent of the cuts will come from the public sector of the construction industry. Mr E. Streeter, the chairman finds it impossible to forecess for 1974, but says the industry is absingly found with industry is obviously faced with considerable uncertainty, until the oew Government makes its policies clear.

Wettern Brothers

Fresh from achieving record profits of £668,000, up from £472,000 a year ago, Wettern Brothers, the Croydon-basad public aervice company, has started the current year wall. For the first quarter, turnover is similar to that of 1973, in apite of the three-day week, etc. Although the economic outlook is unsettled, the group's rationalization policy is standing it in good stead.

Mr L. Wettern, the group's

Mr L. Wettern, the group's chairman, warns in his annual report, bowever, that a combination of curtailed markets and the erosion oo margins, make

Union Minière

Drilling at the Thierry copper nickel mine in Ontario has established mineralization to the depth of 1,600 ft, M Paul-Emil Corbiau, chairman of Union Miniera told shareholders et the annual meeting. It bas been de-

cided to build an ore concenting full share of business available. Bishopsgate Property has 20 per cent of shares. trator with a treatment capacity of 4,000 tons a day on the site.

Stripping operations are being started immediately. The devalopment work, bowever, ASHBOURNE-ANGLO-WELSH ASHBOURNE-ANGLO-WELSH
Ashbourne Investments, which
has 32.5 per cent stake in AngloWelsh Investment Trust (Contioustion) has asked AW troard to coovene extraordinary meeting so that
shareholders can vote on proposal
to turn AW into unit trust. was not yet complete enough to calculate the total value of tha daposit but the total cost of bringing it to production is around \$C50m (5215m).

ALLIED POLYMER GROUP

Further progress in the substantial recovery of Balfour Darwins in 1973 was prevented by lack of output, delayed rationalization, strikes and high interest charges says Mr M. Balfour, chairman. But over-

Balfour Darwins

seas result continued to expand.

Difficulties baya any been ovarcoma: outpots have been raised, management changes mede and new projects have gone ahead. The group has a high order loed.

Clouds over Currys

Both credit ead cash sales of Currys, the retailers of electric appliances, television, etc. are running lower then last year. Mr Deonis Curry, chairman, feara still fiercer competition and greater pressure on margios.

- ATTENDED TO THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE PARTY Briefly

BANK OF NSW Net interim profit up 30 per cent on revenue increased by 28 per cent. Bur higher salaries and in-terest costs likely to curtail second

Turnover substantially increased to the first four mooths, and exports are op 30 per cent. Board's aim is to maintain last year's proBts performance on increased turnover, and this is "well within" in each.

BRISTOL STREET GROUP
March and April were better
than early part of year and board
hopes that this will contione. Reduced levels of operation are expected in motor trade, and dealership personnel has already been
reduced by 12 per ceot.

ELECTRONIC RENTALS GROUP
For £121,000 cash, group is tuying Wireless, Televisioo, Radio
Services from Televiewer Radio
Services. DUTTON-FORSHAW GROUP
Trading results for first three
months encouraging, chairman
writes. Still long waiding list for
Rolls-Royce and Bentley. Board
now engaged to planning development with its advisers of its substantial property interests.

More share prices The following will be edded to The Loodon end Regional Share Price List tomorrow and will be

published daily io Business News: British Funds Treasury 123 per cent 1995.

Commercial and Industrial Brittains Ltd. Investment Trusts

Premier I avestment Co. Second Consolidated Trust.

Weekly list of fixed interest stocks

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CONVERTIBLES
A lwest 8% 59-94
AB Foods 74% 944-2004
BFB 72% 79-94
Becking Group 5%
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Becking 7% 59-96
Brooke Bond 7% 2003-08
GEC 7% 58-92
Grand Met 10% 21-96
Georg Keen 0% 78-93
Hepworth Ceramic 11% 1976
Indi and Geo 44% 94-99
Lucas J. 6.2% 1950

Half Year Statement

Profit of Avon Rubber Company Limited and its subsidiary and associated companies, unaudited, is shown for the half year 1973/74 and is compared with profit for the half year 1972/73 and for the financial year ended

September 29th 1973.			
	Half year to 30th Merch 1974	Half year to 81 st March 1973	Financial year ended 29th Sapt 1973
	٤	£	£
Profit before dapreciation	1,541,000	1,786,000	3,680,000
Add: Transfer from Investment Grant Reserve	27,000	49,000	118,000
Add: Share of profits of Associated Companies	9,000	10.000	59,000
	1,587,000	1,845,000	3,B57,000
Depreciacion	841,000	789,000	1,622,000
Profit before taxation	746,000	1,056,000	2,235,000
Taxation	377,000	465,000	996,000
Profit after taxation	£369,000	£591,000	£1,239,000

*(after charging £37,000 adjustment in respect of previous years).

The energy crisis bit hard into the first half profits by an estimated £500,000. The cost would have been much higher but for the excellent co-operation of ell our employees and a good level of sales. Nevertheless the crisis had the effect of substantially reducing our profit in the second quarter. The cash situation is satisfactory due to improved stock and

It is difficult to make a positive forecast even for the next six months because of so many external uncertainties. However, the company is continuing to widan its base and we are confident that we shall maintain the upward trend which was evident in the first quarter of the year.

We continue to expend our overseas business at a satisfactory rate and profits from established companies have been good. Our first wholly owned non-tyre factory overseas has been opened in Belgium end a merketing company formed in Chicago to increase in North America tha sales of certain mejor products.

We have maintained contact with the Board of RFD but they have delayed announcing the result of the Accountants' Investigation into their affairs so that it can embraca the corrections needed to the pubfished results for the financial year ended 31st March 1973, together with those for 1973/74. The Avon Board will re-consider its position when the report is published in July.

An Interim dividend of 2,81% will be paid on 15th July 1974 on the £1 ordinary shares of the company to shereholders on the register at tha close of business on 17th Juna 1974. The increase to 2,81% is the maximum permitted under the Counter Inflation legislation, and the total sum payable by the company in respect of this Interim dividend will be The 'Close Company' provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes

Act 1970 do not epply to the company.

AVON RUBBER COMPANY LIMITED

67th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, 24th May, 1974

ne Annual General Meeting of chareholders of Union Minière S.A. was held in Brussels on the 24th May, 1974. . Paul-Emile Corbiau, Cheirmen of the Board of Directors acting as Chairmen of the Meeting.

increased profit and dividend.

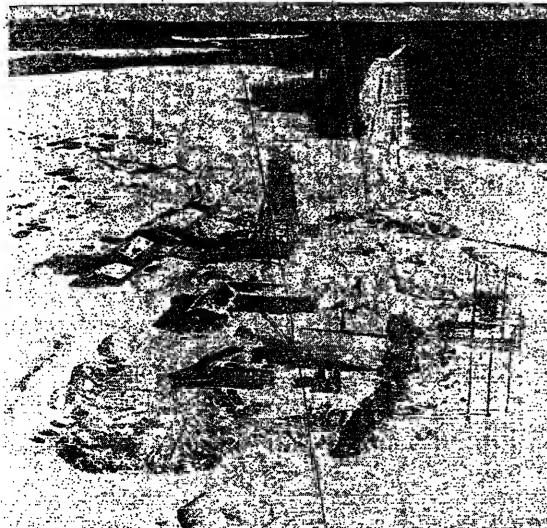
Active preparation for the mining of the Thiarry deposit (Canada). Carrying on of the geological explorations in Canada and Australia.

Extansion of these activities to new parts of the world (Spain, Mexico, Greenland, Balgium)

Broadening of the investments in the Balgian non-ferrous metal industry, particularly in the metalworking sector.

Signing of a protocol with the authorities of the Rapublic of Zaire for the final settlement of the balance of the compensation owed to Union Minière. Sale of most of the tonnage of metal purchased during the preceding

nada — Ontario — Thierry Deposit: temporary surface installations



Extracts from the Directors' Report end the Statement by M. Paul-Emile Corbleu, Chairman of the Board.

Summary of Results

million (ageinst B.F. 960-6 million in 1972).

B.F. 90 per tenth of a share (against B.F. 800 and B.F. 80

Total of the Credit of the Profit and Loss Accounts

B.F. 2,610 million (against B.F. 1,769 million in 1972).

On the Liabilities side of the Balance Sheet:

Contingencies Reserva : B.F. 3,924-9 million. It is proposed to Increase this reserve by B.F. 200 million by means of an appropriation from the profit for the financiel year: after this appropriation tha contingencies reserve will amount to 8.F. 4,124-9

On the Assets side of the Balence Sheet:

In the Fixed Assats: ona can note increased participations amounting to B.F. 4,875-3 million value of quoted investments showed a surplus over

investments: B.F. 2,784-3 million (against &.F. 3,000-6 million in 1972). Based on prices at the and of tha financial year, the overall merket value of the quoted seeded their book value by B.F. 154 million

Republic of Zaire, obtained in a spirit of realism and of

Uncertainties of the present economic context which

Net Profit for the Financial Year 1973: B.F. 1,431-7 Recommanded dividand: B.F. 900 per whola shere or

(respectively) in 1972). Balance to be carried forward: B.F. 77,366,496.

Transfer to the Assets Replacement Reserva credited in 1973 with B.F. 750 million (by debiting the Profit and Loss Account) amounts to B.F. 3,750 million (against B.F. 3,000 million in 1972).

- (against B.F. 4,399-9 million in 1972) (on the basis of the quotation ruling at the and of the year, the market book valua of B.F. 2.624 million).
- In the Current Assets Occrease in short-term Soild situation of Union Minière : with the increase

In value of certain of its assets not expressed in the Balanca Sheet, the intrinsic value of the wealth of tha company exceeds B.F. 20,000 million, i.e. almost B.F.2,000 per tenth part of a share. Finel settlament of the compensation dua by tha

prospective new openings: B,F, 4,000 million to be paid In full between the 1st of January 1974 and the 31st of March 1975 (protocol signed in Munich, February 1974).

impose great prudence when one considers the future.

Unfavourable fiscal factor to be foreseen: the probable termination in a rather near future of the fiscal

Into its own as e dynamic mining house of international

Two-pronged strategy in order to develop tha

(1) broadening and reinforcement - through the acquisition of aubstantial interests in enterprises in our own sector - of the network for the rational integration of our activities both in Belgium and abroad:

(2) geological prospecting and direct-investments in mining in order to rebuild mining ectivities of our own.

Naw investments since January 1967: more than B.F. 5,600 million up to the and of 1973 (B.F. 3,646 million In Balgian shares - B.F. 2,031 million in foreign sheres).

mew indications of the characteristics of the deposit and confirmation of the favourable elements of

mineralisation persists to e depth of 1,600 feet at least: results of asseve made on ore in situ generally higher than those collected from euriece borehole information.

Starting without further delay of the stripping operations for the open ph mine which will constitute the first phase in the exploitation of the deposit.

Advanced investigations of the newly established company ASTRUMINERA, in the Cordoba region.

Mexico

whose object is the establishment of a new Mexican

■ Other propositions under examination.

New Projects

Union Minière's activities will extend to South America. Brazil: Sanding of study missions to the country

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loss due to the writing off of our assets in Zaīra and of the subsequent examption from taxation on our taxable income since 1967. This will affect in a very marked manner the net profit of the company, -- all other things

Fundemantal objective of the company which is bound to assure and consolidate its prosperity: to develop fully

profitability of the company's wealth:

Naw initiatives and achievements in 1973 corresponding to the goals pursued:

This rry deposit: real optimism of the Board about

Information already In our possession: the

■ Study of a concentrator with a capacity of 4,000 sh.t. of ore per day, to be built at the mine site.

Belaium Eight drill holes in the Flettrus and Andenne regions.

Negotiations underway between Asturiena de Zinc — Union Minière and the Maxican Company Minera La Pax company for the prospaction of a property belonging to Minara La Pez.

Janeiro, on May 10, 1974, of a new Union Minlère aubsidiary with a capital of 10 million cruzeiros (± B.F. 60 million): "Uniao Minièra a Metaluroica- Unimeta Ltde" In order to create a base there for the future deployment of a great spread of possible activities. These activities ara envisaged in liaison with Brazilien partners end perhaps also with other foreign partners, all in perfect agreement with the national authorities in keeping with the rule that we always carefully

followed by the establishment in Rio de

Long-term Perspective: Keen Interest of Union Minière for the mining end metallurgical processing of polymetallic nodules from the depths of the oceans

Conclusion

Confidence in the future of the company? Tanacity, competent technical teams and powerful financiel means: these are assets which constitute for Union Minière the best essurance of its future development. Appointed banks (

for the payment of the 1973 dividend on or atter 28th May 1974 net dividand of B.F. 900 per whole share (or B.F. 90 per tenth part of share). The dividend of B.F. 900 net corresponds

to a taxeble receipt of B.F. 1,530. The difference of B.F. 630 represents the withholding tax of B.F. 225 and the tax credit of 8.F. 405. The payment will be made by cheque or by bank transfer in the case of registered shares, and against soupon no. 37 at the banks named hereafter for bearer shares.

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Société Générale de Banque, rue Montagna du Parc 3, Brussais, as well as at its other branches, agencies end sub-offices.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Freight report

Steady recovery in tanker rates

Persian Gulf tauker rates week, as owners forced a steady. if not spectacular freight recovery. For the first time in some two mooths rates were clear of the daugerous, opera-

tional break even levels.
The VLCCs led the way. This hitherto unemployable class of vessel was abie to achieve gains

vessel was able to achieve gains of 20 points (\$2.07 per 100) over the week as premiums for Europeao cargoes moved to Worldscale 75 (\$7.77 per 100).

The rest of the market followed. For the first time io many weeks, oilers to the 70.000—100.000 too range were able to command three figure rates. The highest was Worldscale 120 (\$12.44 per 100), representing (\$12.44 per ton), representing an increase of 50 points (\$5.18 per ton) in two weeks.
A spokesman for brokers Galbreith Wrighton noted: "Own-

ers' prospects are still as good as at any time in the last six months and more gains will be scored. However having cleared the bottom, it is hard to fore-cast the level to which rates will climb."

Holidays in the United Kingdom and the United States were combining with the lack of spot tonnage to quieten the market by the end of the week. Both came out of the doldrums last owners and charterers, it appeared, were in no hurry to negotiate. This break was tend-

ing to cloud trends. Nevertheless, rates should more further ahead. Only one VLCC remains available at the end of May and, with major oil company demand still there, seems almost certain to force an increase. Further ahead, still only 4.5 million tons of tankers are available for employment, while brokers contioue to report a healthy build-up of first-half

Added buoyaocy came from reports that the embargo on oil to The Netherlands will he removed shortly. This could lead to increased Saudi Arabian pro-duction and, considering the still relatively low freight rates, increased demand for loog-haul

Results

Metal Box and BP this week

British Petroleum's Hirst-quarter results take the limelight in this week's company news. Also oo

Thursday come the full year figures of Metal Box. Marley and Charterbouse are the leading

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Problems facing the analysts

Analysing commodity markets is an extremely difficult and nerve-racking task. There are so many aspects to be taken into account that to draw the wrong conclusion in the final analysis is as simple as falling

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Consider the following problerus currently facing the com-modity broker. Supply. Demand. Stocks. Currencies. Liquidity. Interest rates. Politics. Lorlation. World economy. Gold. Speculation. Charts. Market sentiment. Producer unity. Con-

sumer resistance. Labour. Throw in Middle East uncertainties; Watergate repercussions, import restrictions and export rebates and one can see the depth of the task.

Nevertheless one brave, or perhaps foothardy, dealer earnestly believes that commodities will see a sharp upswing to the short term but in the same breath he forecasts, equally adamantly, that over the long term prices will fall further.

The apparent change in £475 a tonne for 99.5 per cem feb strengthened values. W

became more cautious and activity has quietened and prices bave softened, Renters Bismuth is now indicated around \$17.00 to \$18.00 per ib

recent strong demand has shated at least temporarily. Cadmium also tended dull and

Even aluminium seems to have been marking time in the wake of the Cantoo Fair where ooly modest sales to China were believed to have been effected. Prices are steadily maintained, however, at between \$465 to

The expected rise is probably large develop. based on a technical reaction after the recent prolonged downward movement, while the long sentiment seems to have ut term fall is in line with most

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Both these commodities are in tight supply with coffee baving the added bullish impact of producer support. Sugar can easily obtain the £300 target for fears have been expressed over the forthcoming European beet crop but it is still rather early to make a firm prediction.

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Buyers of minor metals turn cautious

sentiment on the London Metal Exchange has overshadowed minor metal markets to some

cif. with eren lower prices mentioned at times. Dealers say metal of Peruvian origin is being offered by United States merchants on a market where

prices slipped further to a range of \$4.85 to \$4.95 per lb. cif, covering both sticks and ingots.

grade and around £10 more for 99.7 per cent. In contrast, renewed demand

for antimony provided the market with further strength with sales reported to Eastern Europe with np to £3,100 a tonne cif paid. However, some dealers said Eastern European buyers did not purchase as much as expected because of high prices asked by sellers. A price range of £2,950 to £3,550 is 00w indicated.

Lack of Chinese offers of tungsten ore at Canton has ensured continued firmness. Although buying interest appears to have quietened somewhat at the current high level of around £45.50 to £47.50 a tonne unit of 22.04lb cif, few dealers foresee any marked downwarp for the time heige in downturn for the time being in view of right supply.

The action of the major quick-sirver producers in fixing a mini-mum price of \$350 a flask of 76lb \$2.30 per lb cif.

price was not unexpected as \$350 caused some surr as the free market had been for some weeks past at are the \$270 level

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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION To the Holders of

Continental Oil International Finance Corporation

912 Guaranteed Debentures Due 1985 Issued under Indenture dated as of July 1, 1970

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of the above-mentioned Indenture, \$2.500,000 principal amount of the above described Debentures have been selected for redemption on July 1, 1974, through operation of the Sinking Fund, at the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to said date, as follows:

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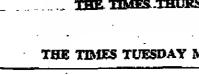
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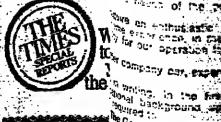
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in the Matter of BERKSHIRE FROZEN FOODS Limited By Order of the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE dated the 76th day of March 1974 MR. OLIVER SIXVDERLAND, Castured Accountant of S. Esstehean, London ECTM IRU has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-trained Company with a Committee of Inspection. tee of Inspection.

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BUDGEN.—Un May 24, 1974, andderly, at his home. Boream Marsh Heuse. Worgrate, Berts. W. E. J. Badem. B.Sc., F.L.C.E., cac., aged 71 years. Service at Readins Centatorium, on Friday. May 11, at 129 p.m. No flowers, place.
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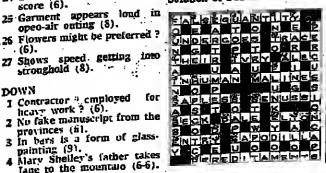
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